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DJ ban: Protecting culture or policing the vibe?

Government should focus on other pressing matters, say artistes and event organisers

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

Disc jockeys, artistes and event organisers have termed the government's views on banning DJs and 'item songs' at religious processions and cultural events an unnecessary intrusion. While lawmakers cited disruptive decibel levels and upholding traditions as reasons for their decision, event organisers argue that it is their inclusion that draws larger crowds.

While the specifications of the ban are far from being formulated, and there is no confirmation if it will in fact come into effect, some are questioning why the government is "wasting precious time meddling in such matters". "I agree that item songs are inappropriate within temple premises. But I do not see why it is a problem at religious and cultural events that are held outside," states music director, Guru Kiran, known for hits like 'Hodi Maga' and 'Gubachi Goodinalli'. He argues that the government should first rethink inviting musicians from other states, like Tamil Nadu and Andhra, for state-sponsored utsavas and other events. "In our cultural events, we should be showcasing Kannada culture and traditions and not that of other states," he elaborates.

The government cited high decibel levels as one of the reasons for considering a ban on DJs at cultural and religious events. PIC FOR REPRESENTATION. DH FILE PHOTO

Harsha Kumar who has been a DJ for 26 years, has performed at a handful of such events in the past. He notes that the events he performed at were held on the outskirts of the city. "Unless it's a procession, I don't see how it could be a problem. And even then, a DJ changes the entire vibe of an event," he says, and adds that setlists typically have a mix of film songs from Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi film industries. "Religious songs are played for the first few minutes of an event," he explains.

Others point out that if DJs are against 'our culture', then so are pubs and breweries. "Are they going to ban pubs next?," asks DJ Hassan, who is a popular option for dandiya nights and Holi celebrations. "If the government is seriously thinking of taking this forward, we will have no option but stage a protest," he adds.

A Bengali cultural organisation in Bellandur usually ropes in a DJ for their dandiya night during Navami. "It draws over 15,000 people. I think the DJ is the main draw and it would not be as festive without popular music," said a representative, adding that they strictly adhere to the 11 pm deadline and recommended decibel levels.

A member of Jayamahal Cultural Association agreed that their dandiya nights during Navami have run into problems occasionally, after complaints from residents of the neighbourhood. However, he points out that pubs and breweries located in residential areas are equally disruptive. "There are three huge breweries opposite the apartment complex where I live. We live with all the noise from DJ nights, karaoke nights and recorded music, which go on until 1 am, especially over the weekends. Why isn't the government planning to ban music in such establishments?" he asks.

WHAT HAPPENED

Kannada and culture minister Shivraj Tangadagi announced in the assembly on March 18 that the state government could ban DJs at religious processions and cultural events, should they receive the support of the BJP. "We will issue an order on this. A lot of problems are caused by DJs. If all of them (BJP) agree, we must ban DJs," he was quoted as saying.

Tangadagi was responding to Labour minister, Santosh Lad, who noted, "In any jayanti, our Gods won't move forward (in a procession) without a DJ and an item song. This is shameful. DJs and item songs won't do any good for culture."

Market fare to yele oota: Weekend serves food for thought

The curation by Science Gallery Bengaluru explores how food moves, sustains, and divides

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TEAM METROLIFE

From the bustle of Russell Market to the choreography of a banana leaf meal, a weekend programme at Science Gallery Bengaluru, Ganganagar, will explore food as "more than what's on the plate".

Curated as part of the gallery's ongoing 'Calorie' exhibition season, the events include a market walk, a talk, a contemporary dance performance, and a guided walkthrough of the exhibits.

The exhibition features 30 works, organised around themes such as 'grow', 'buy', 'eat', 'digest' and 'waste'. It also traces the lifecycle of food. "These weekend programmes are designed to further unpack these ideas," says Gayatri Manu, senior programme manager at the gallery.

The programme opens on April 4 with a guided walk through Russell Market. Now closed for registration, the walk, titled 'Whose market is this?', will examine ideas of "ownership, access and labour within one of the city's oldest marketplaces".

'Around the world in 8 bites', a walkthrough of seven works inside the gallery, will be held later that day. It will be facilitated by Vinaya Krishnan. "It links food to historical moments by pairing exhibits on famines and shifting food cultures," says Gayatri.

A talk titled 'What knowledge does a market possess?', by The Locavore's features editor Oishika Roy, is scheduled for the next day. The session draws from 'Market archives'. It is part of the ongoing exhibition, and documents food markets such as Chhatra Bazar in Cuttack and Mao Market in Kohima.

The weekend programme will conclude with 'Yele oota', a contemporary dance performance by the Vishwakiran Nambi Dance Company. "Inspired by a traditional banana leaf meal, the piece explores access and inequality in food distribution," says Gayatri.

Entry is free. To register, visit bengaluru.sciencegallery.com

The programme will conclude with 'Yele oota', a contemporary dance performance by the Vishwakiran Nambi Dance Company.

FILM FESTIVAL ON FOOD AND LABOUR NEXT WEEKEND

The 'Calorie Film Festival' will be held on April 11 and 12 at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. The event will screen 12 films in 11 languages, exploring food through ecology, culture and everyday life.

The festival opens with Jeo Baby's 'The Great Indian Kitchen'. It will be followed by a discussion on domestic labour and caregiving. Other Indian films include 'Against the Tide', 'Colonies in Conflict', and 'Steeped and Stirred'. International films include 'Truffle Hunters', 'Dinner for Few', and 'Sweet Plastik'.

21st century cinema in focus at B'luru film club

TEAM METROLIFE

The Parallel Cinema Club is focusing on '21st Century Cinema' this month. The month-long curation is divided into four segments — The World at Large, Life Before Social Media, Cine Revolution and New Journalism.

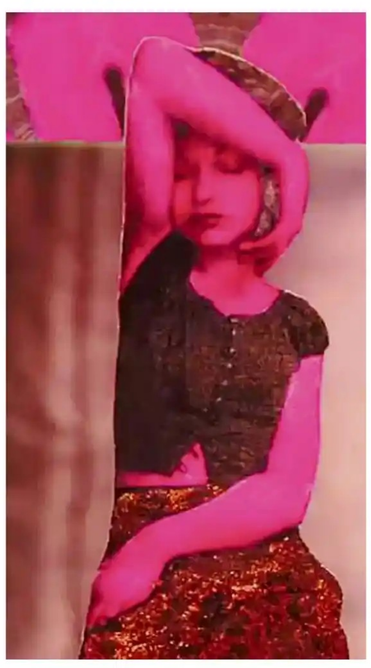
"The curation is compartmentalised into various themes that have enthralled our times. They span themes of love and sexuality. The curation also includes experimental, coming-of-age and political films. Redefined genres and adoption of new age aesthetics are other highlights to look forward to," says Nikhil Waiker, the club's founder.

With 'Seven Songs from Tundra' (2000), 'Fragile as the World' (2001) and 'The Odds of Recovery' (2002), 'The World at Large' section will explore loss, resilience, and tension between traditional lifestyles and modernisation. The focus is on intimate storytelling in the 'Life Before Social Media segment', which includes 'The Super 8 Years' (2022), 'I Ran From It and Was Still in It' (2020), and 'Guest' (2010) among others.

'Cine Revolution' features experimental films like 'Dry Leaf', shot on an old Sony Ericsson W595 phone; 'At Sea', about the journey of a container ship shot over three years; 'An Extraordinary Study in Human Degradation', about existential crisis shot on a phone camera; and political films such as the eccentric animated documentary 'The Herstory of the Female Filmmaker'; the six-part story of resistance, 'Communists'; and 'Film Socialisme', an avant garde essay on societal decay.

The month-long focus will close with 'New Journalism' which features Anand Patwardhan's 'War and Peace' and 'Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father'.

Screenings every week on Tuesday and Thursday at 7.45 pm and Saturday at 2 pm, at Angala, Coxtown. Tickets and full schedule on urbanaut.app



'The Herstory of the Female Filmmaker', which examines male dominance in the film industry, will be screened on April 25.

Health cover still a 'push product' for B'luru workforce

Nithin Kamath flagged the risks of relying entirely on employer-provided health insurance

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

Most working professionals see personal health insurance as an unnecessary expense, say financial advisors in Bengaluru. The belief that no sickness will befall them is stronger among younger people, who think they are investing more of their time and money on fitness than previous generations.

Entrepreneur Nithin Kamath reignited the discussion recently. On X, he wrote that he was "genuinely surprised" by how many people rely only on employer health cover and never buy a personal policy.

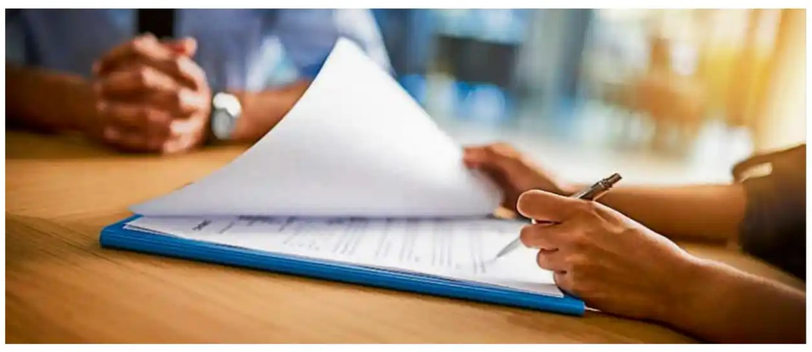
Experts told *Metrolife* that personal health insurance in India has long been a "push product", with low demand. However, attitudes are slowly changing due to rising medical costs and uncertainties exposed by the pandemic.

People's POV

Kritika Iyer, 28, does not have health insurance. "My previous company provided coverage, but I am currently working with a small startup that doesn't offer benefits yet. I am thinking of getting a policy, but there is no urgency. You act on such matters only when there is a trigger," she says.

Jatin (name changed), 55, recalls the trigger that led him to buy a Rs 10 lakh family plan two months ago. "My brother-in-law had a stroke. He is retired but had personal insurance, which covered two surgeries costing Rs 8 lakh in total," says the media professional. Jatin is close to retirement and felt it was the right time to act.

Kavita Udasi, 50, chose to act early. "Corporate jobs are insecure. If you lose your job, you lose health cover immediately," says the executive assistant at a firm.



Experts have seen a marginal increase in the adoption of personal health policy since the pandemic.

Widen cover

Experts say most people buy personal insurance in their 40s and 50s, when health risks rise and incomes are more stable. But Rahul Jaiswal, director at Eazyinsure, says employer cover has not kept pace with medical inflation in India. "Most plans offer a cover of around Rs 5-6 lakh, while medical costs are rising at about 14% a year. A surgery that cost Rs 1 lakh five years ago now costs roughly Rs 2.5 lakh," he says. One major health event can push a person into "bankruptcy" if they are underinsured.

Sujeet Dhanuka, vice president at PeakAlpha Investment Services, says personal health insurance should be seen as a low-cost, high-impact part of financial planning. Without it, people may be forced to dip into savings during emergencies, which can derail long-term goals. Giving an example, he says, money meant for a child's education abroad can be wiped out by a Rs 16 lakh hospital bill. Govardhan G from Tata AIA Life Insurance says most buyers of personal health insurance are business owners and the self-employed. They make up 50-60% of the segment, versus 4-5% salaried professionals. However, this is changing after Covid-19. Earlier, sales agents sold 2-3 such policies a month but now the number has risen to 6-10. They are also seeing adoption from buyers as young as 32.

WHAT TO DO

- Aim for a cover of Rs 15 to Rs 25 lakh, including personal and employer policies.
- Buy a personal policy as soon as you start working. Dhanuka says insurers now have stricter eligibility checks, and even people in their 30s may face issues due to conditions like high blood pressure or tobacco use. He adds that some insurers now allow you to lock in premiums until the first claim. This means, you don't have to pay more with age. Premiums have doubled in the past four years, Jaiswal points out.

No time to tidy: City's busy lives driving decluttering boom

Service companies help clients eliminate non-essential items and organise what remains. PHOTO CREDIT: THE TIIDY TOUCH

Some home organising startups receive 3 to 4 requests a week, up from 5 to 6 a month in previous years

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

As Bengaluru's fast-paced lifestyle leaves residents with little time to manage their homes, professional organisers and decluttering services are seeing a steady rise in demand. What began as a pandemic-era habit has evolved into a niche but growing industry, with many turning their knack for tidying into full-fledged careers.

"We initially got five to six homes to clean a month, but since last year, we've had about three to four homes a week," says Shruthi Akshay of The Tiidy Touch. Most of her clients, she notes, are young couples, IT professionals, and corporates. "The issue often stems from the fact that we were never really taught how to organise or maintain a home — we simply followed what we saw growing up," adds Shruthi, who has been a professional organiser for three years.

Yamini Sushma Devi's 23-year-old 'Hometastic By Yamini' sees more seasonal demand. "March is usually busy, as it's considered auspicious for housewarming ceremonies. November is slower due to Karthika maasa, when fewer people move into new homes," she says. She also regularly receives requests from cities such as Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Shillong.

A common challenge, organisers say, is convincing clients to let go of possessions. "We advise them to discard anything they haven't used in a year," says Shruthi. "Older clients are usually harder to persuade."

Decluttering process

The process typically begins with a site visit, followed by a detailed plan. Amulya Aldi, founder of Mom Made Home, says every home requires a tailored approach. "I first visit to understand the client's schedule and habits. Then I clear out everything, incorporating their inputs at every stage," she explains.

Once the process is complete, organisers create systems that clients can follow independently for up to a year. Many reach out due to a lack of space, often caused by excessive buying and hoarding. "People tend to purchase more than they need," says Shruthi. "We help them eliminate non-essential items and organise what remains."

Pricing and services

Services range from complete home resets and move-in organisation to decluttering specific spaces such as kitchens, bedrooms, home offices, closets, and garages. Shruthi and Amulya charge around Rs 2,500 per hour for smaller projects, while Yamini's services range between Rs 5,000 and Rs 8,000 per day, depending on the workload.

Organisers also source materials such as storage units and spacers to create systems that are both functional and sustainable.

For clients, the appeal goes beyond aesthetics. Ravindra, a 37-year-old entrepreneur, hired a professional organiser for his new home. "I was initially hesitant about allowing someone into my personal space, but I quickly felt at ease after speaking with the team," he says, adding that the process improved functionality and reduced stress.

Sabya Sachi Shivam, a marketing and communications professional, has used such services twice during relocations. "Privacy was a concern at first, but these services are common abroad," he says.

CITY MIX

Bookbinding workshop

A bookbinding workshop will be held at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar this weekend. The three-hour workshop will cover the basics of the craft, from the commonly used tools to traditional bookbinding practices. Participants will learn the coptic stitch binding technique, a historical method that leaves an exposed spine that allows the book to lay flat when opened fully. Participants will bind one book each by the end of the session. April 4, 1 pm to 4 pm. At Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Tickets online.

Products, workshops, music with a focus on kindness

The 48th edition of the BCC Carnival will focus on veganism and kindness. Titled the 'Kind Edition', it will feature 22 stalls selling sustainable products, from dairy alternatives to upcycled accessories. There will also be activity stations and musical performances. Three workshops are planned through the day, including salad-making, kitchen gardening and a session on games. The BCC Carnival is a monthly event. April 5, 12 noon to 7 pm, at Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur. Entry free. Details on @blrcreativecircus on Instagram.

Science talk

Worlds Unknown: A Cosmic Investigation', a talk by Nikku Madhusudhan, professor of astrophysics and exoplanetary science at Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, will be held on Sunday. The session will examine advances in space observation, including the James Webb Space Telescope, the largest telescope in space. It will also focus on emerging research into potentially habitable "Hycean" worlds, and discuss findings from exoplanet K2-18 b, where carbon-bearing molecules and possible biomarker signals have been detected. April 5, 5.30 pm, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. Entry free. RSVP at bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

EVENTS

Theatre

'NeeNaaNaaDre NaaNeeNeNaa', an adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Comedy of Errors', will be staged at Ranga Shankara, J P Nagar, on April 5, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets online.

On stage

Arena Theatre Production will stage 'Tumhare Baare Mein', written by Manav Kaul, at Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield, on April 5, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets online.

Music

New Acropolis Bangalore is hosting a musical evening with singer-songwriter Bruce Lee Mani on April 4, 6 pm on their premises in Indiranagar. Register at acropolis.org.in

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Iran vows 'crushing' attacks on US, Israel after Trump's threats

GULF ON FIRE: US prez warns of bombing Iran 'back to Stone Ages'

TEHRAN/DUBAI/ WASHINGTON, AGENCIES

Iran on Thursday threatened "crushing" attacks on the United States and Israel, firing missiles at Tel Aviv after US President Donald Trump vowed to bomb the Islamic republic "back to the Stone Ages".

Hours later, Trump took to social media saying that the tallest bridge in Iran had been destroyed. He posted footage of smoke rising from the B1 bridge in Karaj, around 35km southwest of Tehran, and warned there would be further destruction unless Iran comes to the negotiating table to end the five-week war.

"The biggest bridge in Iran comes tumbling down, never to be used again - Much more to follow! IT IS TIME FOR IRAN TO MAKE A DEAL BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, AND THERE IS NOTHING LEFT OF WHAT STILL COULD BECOME A GREAT COUNTRY!" Trump posted.

In a White House address on Wednesday evening, Trump said the US was "very close" to achieving its objectives but warned its attacks would intensify if Iran did not reach a negotiated settlement.

"Over the next two to three weeks, we are going to bring them back to the Stone Ages, where they belong," he said.

Iran's response was immediate, with Israeli air defences pressed into action. Four people were reportedly lightly injured in the Tel Aviv area.

▸ Iran, Page 8

The rubble of a building destroyed by an Israeli strike in Tyre, Lebanon, on Thursday. REUTERS

FROM CONFLICT FRONT

- Several blasts sounded in **Jerusalem** after Israeli military issued an alert over incoming Iranian missiles
- Iran says it is drafting a **peacetime protocol** to supervise maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz with **Oman**
- Iran's Fars news agency lists several bridges in Kuwait, Saudi, UAE and Jordan as **potential targets**

- Iranian authorities arrest rights lawyer **Nasrin Sotoudeh**
- Iran's two largest **steel plants** have been forced out of action

Construction sector hit

Lack of gas to process materials required for construction has resulted in a significant increase in prices of key materials such as steel, tiles and cement.

While Credai representatives said the entire supply chain has been disrupted, builders said they are expecting nearly 15% increase in overall construction cost. Industry experts said people have also been wary of buying properties. Page 6

Misri attends UK summit

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri represented India on Thursday at a UK-hosted virtual summit focused on safe shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. The meeting wrapped up with a demand for the "immediate and unconditional" reopening of the route, but there was no immediate breakthrough. **Details on Page 17**

Several sectors to benefit after govt slashes import duty

NEW DELHI/BENGALURU, DHNS: The Centre on Thursday announced a full customs duty exemption on selected petrochemical products till June 30, in order to cushion the industry impacted by the disruption in global supply chain amid the West Asia conflict.

The exemption is expected to benefit a wide range of sectors dependent on petrochemicals, including plastics, packaging, textiles, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, automotive components and other manufacturing segments, the finance ministry said, adding that the move will also give relief to consumers of final products.

▸ Import duty, Page 8
Import curbs on gold, silver articles, Page 20

Deviation up to 15% allowed for occupation cert

Govt amends norms for buildings in B'luru, fixes fee

BENGALURU, DHNS

Thousands of property owners in Bengaluru who have built beyond their sanctioned plans may soon have a legal and fee-based option of regularising building violations, including encroaching on a setback or ground coverage, adding an extra balcony or residing in a flat without the occupancy certificate (OC).

To enable this, the government has proposed increasing the deviation allowed for building plans from the existing 5% to 15%, which will apply across five corporations. This is expected to help property owners who could not get water or electricity connections for buildings that did not have the OC.

According to the draft notification issued on April 1, the government has amended the Bengaluru City Corporation Building Bye-Laws, 2003, which deal with how much a building owner must pay to regularise a deviation and what can be regularised.

▸ Deviation, Page 8

Deviations allowed as per revised bye-law

Category	Residential	Non-residential
Basement extensions	7%	14%
Excess mezzanine floor area	9%	18%
Balcony violations (capped at 25% of total sanctioned balcony area)	7%	14%
Occupation without an occupancy certificate	0.15%	0.30%
Construction within zonal regulation limits but without any building permission	0.20%	0.40%

Quickly

Rupee gains 152 paise as RBI steps in

The rupee logged one of its steepest single-day gains in many years and settled 152 paise higher at 93.18 against the US dollar on Thursday after the Reserve Bank stepped in with a slew of measures to restrict banks from onshore forward markets. The rupee, however, remained under pressure due to the unabated withdrawal of foreign capital, a strengthening dollar, and rising crude oil prices. Details on Page 20

Factory growth at 4-year low

India's manufacturing output growth dipped to the lowest level in four years in March as the ongoing West Asia conflict led to spike in costs and hit demands, according to an industry survey conducted by S&P Global. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing fell to 53.9 in March from 56.9 recorded in the previous month. Details on Page 20

LCA fleet may resume flying next week

The grounded Tejas LCA fleet of the Indian Air Force is likely to fly again by as early as next week following a round of regulatory checks, a top official said on Thursday, nearly six weeks after the IAF suspended flying of its two squadrons of home-grown fighter jets. "The local modification committee detected the problem and issued a one-time check," HAL CMD D K Sunil said. Details on Page 17

SC raps WB govt, wants SIR officials' gherao probed

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday slammed the West Bengal administration for its inaction over seven judicial officers being held hostage for hours in Malda district by a group of voters whose names were deleted from the voters' list.

Finding West Bengal "the most polarised state", the court directed for a CBI or NIA probe into Wednesday's incident and ordered deployment of central forces, saying it exposed complete failure of the state administration.

Acting on the court's order, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar instructed the handing over of the probe to NIA. An NIA team will reach West Bengal on Friday.

Calling the incident deplorable, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi sought responses from the state home secretary, DGP and other officials for their "inaction" and allowed the Election Commission to seek a CBI or NIA probe into the incident.

The bench said the officers conducting the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) have to be protected by the state.

"This incident is a brazen attempt not only to browbeat judicial officers but also challenges the authority of this court," the bench said.

▸ Bengal, Page 8

TMC, BJP spar over incident

Even as police arrested 18 persons, including a candidate, for leading a mob that confined seven judicial officers in an office to protest against deletion of voters from the electoral rolls in West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress and its principal challenger, Bharatiya Janata Party, blamed each other for the incident in Malda. Details on Page 17

Parl to reconvene on April 16 over women's quota Bill

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Parliament will reconvene on April 16 to clear a Bill for early implementation of 33% women's quota in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies, with the Opposition alleging that the Union government has set the timeline to take political advantage ahead of elections, especially in West Bengal.

Both Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh adjourned the Houses after passing three Bills to meet again at 11 am on April 16 but did not announce when the session would conclude. There are reports that the extended session would end on April 18 but there was no official word.

The unprecedented reconvening of the Budget Session, which usually concludes in the first week of April, comes a week ahead of elections in Tamil Nadu and the first phase in West Bengal, as the government rejected the opposition demand for an all-party meeting to discuss the proposal after the conclusion of Assembly polls on April 29.

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LUNAR VOYAGE

Nasa reaches for the moon as Artemis blasts off

CAPE CANAVERAL (US), AGENCIES

Four astronauts embarked on a high-stakes flight around the moon on Wednesday evening, humanity's first lunar voyage in more than half a century and the thrilling leadoff in Nasa's push toward a landing in two years.

Artemis II set sail from the same Florida launch site that sent Apollo's explorers to the moon so long ago.

On board with Commander Reid Wiseman are pilot Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Canada's Jeremy Hansen. It is the most diverse lunar crew ever with the first woman, person of colour and non-US citizen riding in Nasa's new Orion capsule.

Once settled in a high orbit around Earth, the astronauts assumed manual control and practiced steering their capsule around the rocket's detached upper stage. The astronauts were awaiting the green light from Nasa to head for the moon.

Nasa's mission management team would meet later Thursday to decide whether to give the go-ahead for the astronauts to begin their three-day voyage toward the moon.

Tensions were high earlier in the day as hydrogen fuel started flowing into the 32-storey rocket ahead of the launch.

▸ Artemis, Page 8

Artemis II lifts off from Cape Canaveral on Wednesday. AFP

When Will Artemis II reach the moon?

- Orion capsule will loop around Earth for about 24 hrs
- If any serious problems arise, astronauts will be brought back home
- During final loop, spacecraft's engines will give a final outward nudge towards moon
- To reach lunar atmosphere in **5 days**
- **It won't land**, but at its closest, spacecraft will be more than **6,500km from surface**
- Spacecraft will be on **'free return'** trajectory.
- It will take around four days to make the journey back to Earth; **expected splashdown on April 10**

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Bengaluru rail division's passenger revenue hits record Rs 2,420.55 cr

Conversion to electric traction saves Rs 43.73 cr a year

BENGALURU, DHNS

Passenger revenue remained the mainstay of operations in the Bengaluru railway division in 2025-26, touching a record Rs 2,420.55 crore, according to Divisional Railway Manager Ashutosh Kumar Singh.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, he said passenger revenue in the last financial year surpassed the previous record of Rs 2,219.67 crore, as the division operated 4,706 express trains, Train on Demand (TOD), or other special train trips.

Fourteen trains previously hauled by diesel traction have been converted to electric traction, resulting in an annual saving of Rs 43.73 crore.

The division is opening a third rail coach restaurant at KSR Bengaluru, while a Gati Shakti cargo terminal will be established at Hanakere, off Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, under public-private partnership by Ultratech Cement Ltd.

Singh noted that a RailMadad war room established at the divisional office helped reduce passenger complaints and grievances by 18% during 2025-26 compared to 2024-25.

In 2025-26, the division registered 144 cases against touts, seized 277 live tickets valued at Rs 4,08,752 and arrested 144 people.

Under the Nanhe Farishtey operation, 407 children were rescued and reunited with their families through the Child Welfare Committee. The RPF/Bengaluru also rescued 16 males and 11 females in need of care and protection and reunited them with their families, he added.

A file photo of passengers at KSR Bengaluru railway station.

The Bengaluru division achieved a record ticket-checking revenue of Rs 39.68 crore, surpassing the previous best of Rs 37.83 crore.

Parcel revenue reached Rs 140.31 crore, improving on the earlier best of Rs 134.20 crore. Goods revenue reached Rs 351.07 crore, surpassing the previous best of Rs 327.74 crore.

In catering services, the division earned Rs 17.37 crore, surpassing the earlier record of Rs 16.51 crore.

On the freight side, loading touched 2.13 million tonnes, compared to last year's 2.07 million tonnes. The division also recorded its highest-ever rake loading of 2,681, container loading of 0.765 million tonnes, and Port of Loading (POL) loading of 0.669 million tonnes.

Overall, the South Western Railway (SWR) recorded overall gross revenue of Rs 9,488 crore, while its originating freight revenue touched Rs 5,347.40 crore.

The SWR's originating freight loading stood at 52.46 MT, of which the Hubballi division alone contributed 39.5 MT.

The zone electrified 53 route kilometers, bringing its total electrified route length to 3,339 out of 3,712 RKM. It also commissioned 24 km of new railway lines and completed 78.1 km of double lines.

Passenger revenue rose to Rs 3,468 crore while passenger traffic increased to 176.93 million.

Double-decker: flyover: Cops inspect HSR Layout ramp

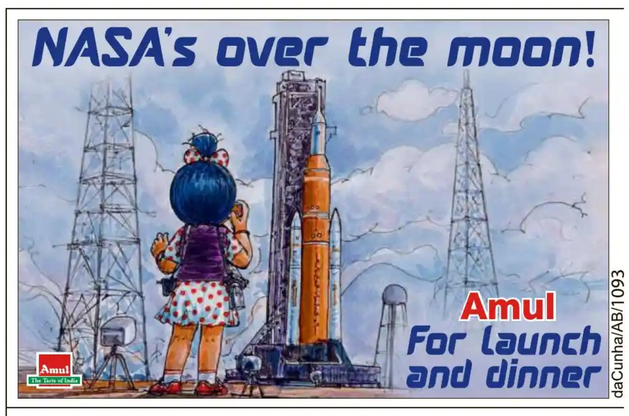
BENGALURU, DHNS: The city's first double-decker featuring a metro line above a flyover is set to open fully in the coming days.

On Thursday, senior traffic police officials and BMRCL engineers inspected the flyover's Ramps D and E, which will connect HSR Layout with Ragigudda and BTM Layout. Ramp D runs below the metro's Yellow Line.

The ramps were delayed due to the installation of a 42-metre steel girder, but the work has recently been completed.

Once operational, the flyover will allow traffic to bypass Silk Board, easing congestion at the notoriously busy junction and improving travel time.

The ramps connecting Ragigudda to Hosur Road, BTM Layout and HSR Layout opened in July 2024, offering partial relief to commuters.



BMTC extends student bus validity

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has extended the validity of the student concessional passes until April 10. Students of classes 1-9 can travel from their residence to school to take exams. The validity of these passes ended on March 31.

Summer special train to Trichy

BENGALURU, DHNS: The railways will operate a special train between SMVT Bengaluru and Tiruchirappalli during the summer.

Train number 06007 will depart from Tiruchirappalli at 5.30 am on April 7, 14, 21 and 28, and arrive at SMVT Bengaluru at 1.30 pm on the same day.

In the return direction, train number 06008 will leave SMVT Bengaluru at 3 pm on April 7, 14, 21 and 28, and reach Tiruchirappalli at 10.30 pm, according to a press release.

Metro timings extended for Sunday's IPL match to ease post-game travel

Last services beyond 11 pm from all terminals: BMRCL

BENGALURU, DHNS

Metro train services will run for extended hours on Sunday when the city hosts the IPL match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK).

In a statement, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said the last train services from all terminal stations would be extended beyond 11 pm.

The last train from Whitefield (Kadugodi) and Bommasandra will depart at 12.30 am; from Challaghatta, Silk Institute and Madavara at 12.45 am; and from RV Road at 2 am.

The last train from Majestic in all four directions will be at 1.30 am.

The digital IPL match tickets include Namma Metro QR codes for two-way travel.

The BMRCL has made additional parking arrangements at 43 metro stations. On match days, parking is available at a flat rate of Rs 30 for two-wheelers and Rs 60 for cars (valid until metro services close).

BMTC buses

The BMTC will operate special bus services from M Chinnaswamy Stadium for fans attending the IPL match on Sunday.

- **SBS-1K:** Kadugodi Bus Station (HAL Road)
- **G-2:** Sarjapur
- **G-3:** Electronics City (Hosur Road)
- **G-4:** Bannerghatta National Park
- **G-7:** Janapriya Township (Magadi Road)
- **G-10:** RK Hegde Nagar Yelahanka via Nagawara and Tannery Road
- **317 G:** Hoskote
- **13:** Banashankari

Majestic-Mysuru Road metro to start 2 hours late on Sunday

BENGALURU, DHNS: Metro train services will start two hours late between Majestic and Mysuru Road this Sunday.

In a statement, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said it would be undertaking essential maintenance works between the Vijayanagar and Attiguppe stations on the Purple Line.

To facilitate the work, train services between the Majestic and Mysuru Road stations will begin at 9 am, instead of 7 am, it added.

Train services on all other sections — Challaghatta to Mysuru Road, Majestic to Whitefield, Madavara to Silk Institute, and RV Road to Bommasandra — will start at 7 am from the terminal stations as per schedule.

On March 29, metro train services between the Garudacharpalya and MG Road stations began at 7.45 am instead of 7 am due to maintenance works.

Cricket fans entering the stadium through gates on Cubbon Road should use the Cubbon Park metro station, while those using the Link Road entry gates should use the MG Road station.

Station access

The BMRCL said it might regulate or temporarily close station entry points for passenger safety and security.

On March 28, when Bengaluru hosted the opening IPL match, over 22,000 fans travelled by metro, more than double the usual crowd. Trains ran every three minutes between 11.05 pm and 11.55 pm after the match; 13 trains operated from Cubbon Park to Majestic and nine towards Whitefield.

KSRTC wins award for structured training to 12,000 staff

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) announced it won the World HRD Congress Award 2026 for 'Best in Training and Organisation Development'.

In the past six months, the KSRTC has offered structured training in fuel efficiency, refresher training, accident-free driving, road safety, and simulator-based training to over 12,000 staff.

Under the PM-AJAY scheme, the corporation is providing heavy vehicle driving training along with free driving licence issuance to Scheduled Caste candidates in collaboration with the Transport Department.

Similarly, in association with the Directorate of Minorities, the corporation provides light and heavy vehicle driving training along with free driving licences, to candidates from minority communities.

KSRTC also offers driving training to private candidates. Newly recruited driver-cum-conductors, technical staff, KST constables, and junior assistants receive induction training covering job responsibilities and duties.

Special training programmes are held for supervisory staff, while driving instructors train personnel in the units.

Administrative staff also receive refresher and other capacity-building training.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

CULTURAL

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Ramanavami Celebration Trust: 88th Ramanavami Music Festival; Music by Bhuvan A, Shivashree Skandaprasad and others; Fort Highschool Ground, Chamrajapet; from 5 pm onwards.

Vyalikaval Extension Association: Layavahini, music by by BK Anantaram, JK Sridhar, BS Anand, Ashwathanarayan and Abhijit; Sri Rama Temple, 9th Main, Vyalikaval; 6 pm.

Kadu Malleshwara Geleyara Balaga: Remembering Rajkumar's songs; Srinath Bharadwaj, Shanmuga Govindaraj, Vijayanand Nayak, Anjali Haliyal, Lakshmi Shreyamsi, Nanjappa, Siri Chandrashekhar and Bhoopashree Nuli; Balaga premises, Malleswaram; 6.30 pm.

Sri Rajarajeshwari Kalaniketan: Bharatanatya rangapravesha by M Vasudha; Seva Sadana, Malleswaram; 10 am.

Srivani Kala Kendra: 33rd Ramanavami music festival, music by Suchetan Rangaswamy, Pradesh Achar, Nikshit Puttur, Bhargava Halambi and others; Kendra premises, Basaveshwaranagar; 6.30 pm.

RELIGIOUS

Mutyalamma Devi Temple Trust: Rathotsava; Temple premises, Shivajinagar; 7 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

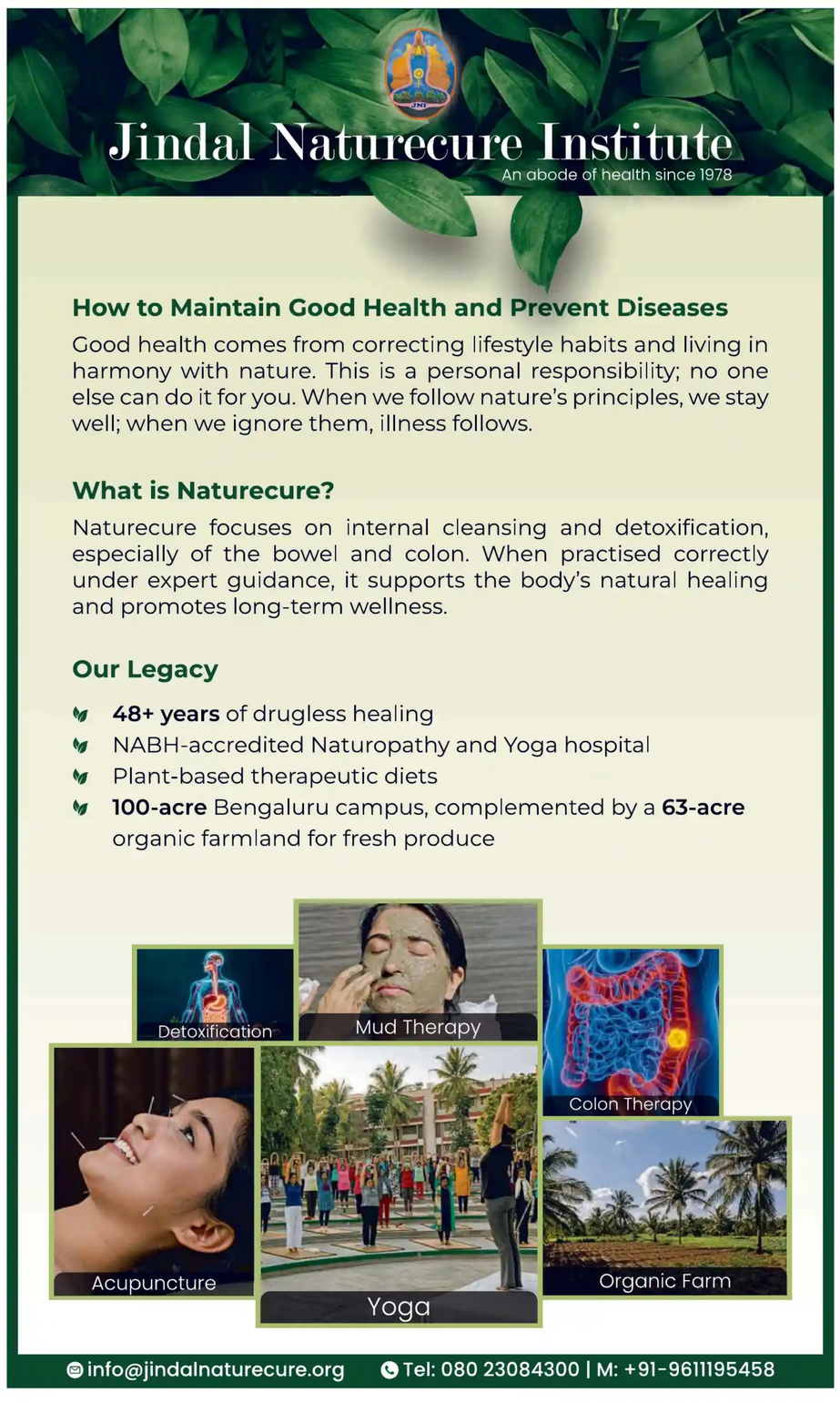
FORECAST

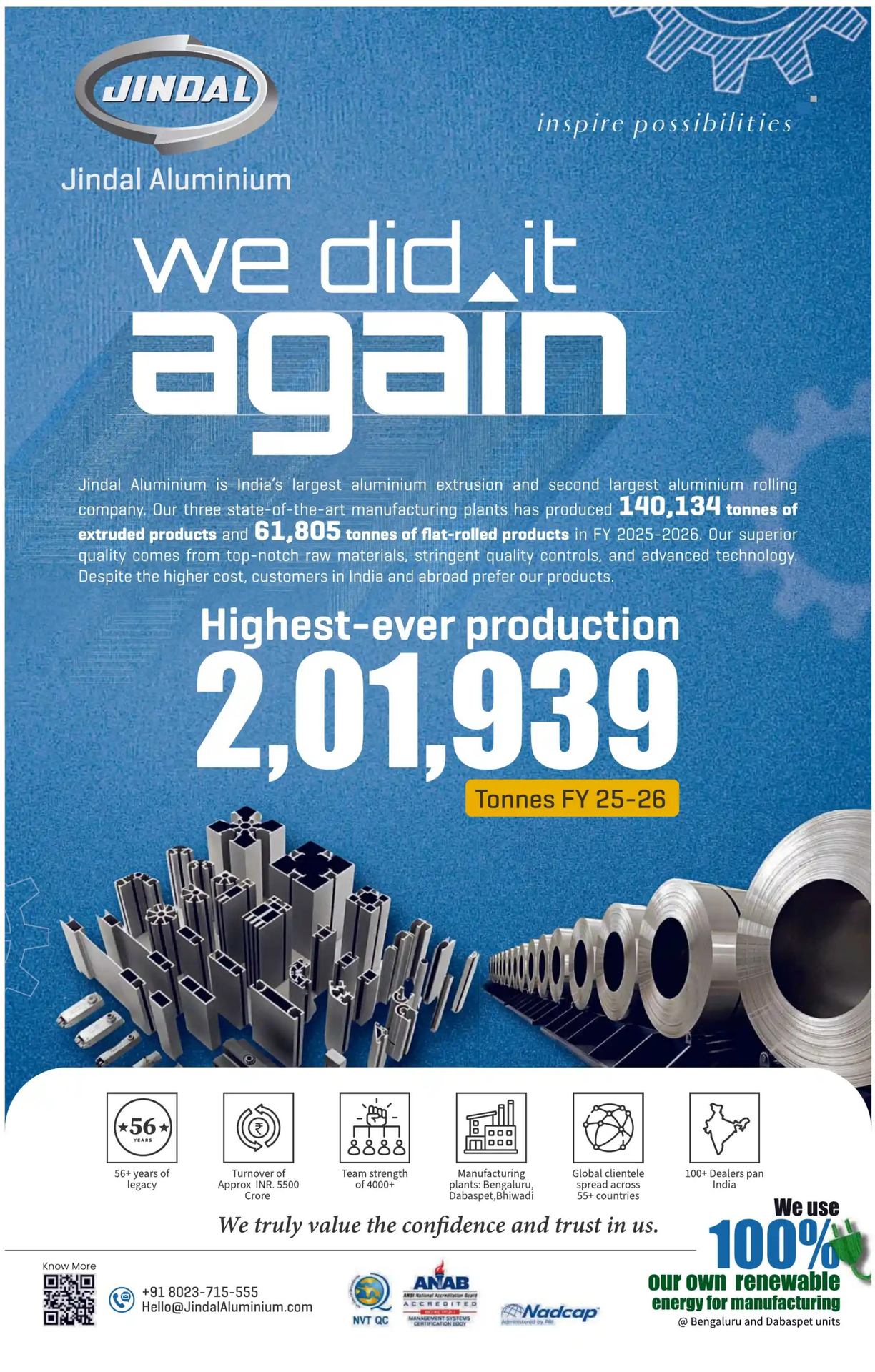
Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	32.4°C
Minimum	20.6°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	NA%
Sunset (Apr 4)	6:31 pm
Sunrise (Apr 5)	6:15 am
Moonrise	6:47 pm
Moonset	6:08 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD





Chithra Looms' Kanjeevaram saree expo opens today

A Chithra Looms expo of exquisite Kanjeevaram sarees. Chithra Kailash, Founder, Chithra Looms (inset)

Driven by a passion to promote handlooms, Chithra Looms has been showcasing premium Kanjeevaram silk sarees across India since 2016. The exhibition and sale of Chithra Looms offers top-rated, handwoven Kanjeevaram sarees crafted with pure zari. The expo showcases authentic and high quality silk sarees, emphasising Chithra Looms' commitment to excellence.

Venue: Raintree, 4 Sankey Road
Date: April 3, 4 & 5, 2026
Time: 10 am to 7 pm
For details: 91764 27758, 90806 38255, 98846 67706

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Get ready for monsoon: GBA to all five corporations

Commissioners to ensure precautionary steps are taken

BENGALURU, DHNS

M Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), on Thursday directed all five city corporations to take precautionary measures to prevent flooding and inconvenience during the pre-monsoon and monsoon season.

"Disaster management responsibilities in the five city corporations lie with their respective commissioners. All commissioners have been instructed to ensure that all precautionary measures are taken before the monsoon to avoid inconvenience to the public," GBA said in a statement.

Of 209 previously identified flood-prone areas within the GBA limits, 49 were identified as flood-prone in 2025. Officials have been directed to review measures taken and ensure permanent solutions have been implemented to prevent flooding.

"In areas where permanent solutions have not yet been provided, the chief engineers of the city corporations must coordinate with the chief engineer of the GBA Project Implementation Unit and take necessary measures to prevent flooding. Additional commissioners of all city corporations must oversee and submit reports on actions taken or planned for these 49 areas," the statement said.

Sunday night's rain left Shantinagar main road waterlogged, forcing commuters to navigate stagnant water. DH PHOTO/RANJU P

Instructions issued

- Complete desilting of drains by April-end.
- Take special mitigation measures at flood-prone areas.
- Constitute special teams to trim trees.
- Special attention to be given to flood-prone areas such as Panathur 'S' Cross, Silk Board, Madiwala, and Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

Officials have also been asked to complete stormwater drain development works on a priority basis in flood-prone areas. Rao set a month's deadline to desilt and clean all roadside drains.

"Priority must be given to desilting works under ongoing CMIDP and SIP projects, along with completion of shoulder drains. For remaining roads, maintenance teams must carry out desilting. While doing so, proper connectivity to nearby SWDs must be ensured for smooth water flow," he said.

He warned that negligence in providing such connectivity would lead to disciplinary action against the engineers concerned. Each corporation has also been asked to constitute special teams to promptly clear fallen trees, branches, and debris during rains.

"A system must be in place to respond immediately to public complaints. Preventive trimming of weak or leaning branches must also be undertaken," Rao said.

No end to gridlock as Metro, BWSSB delay service road opening in Nagawara

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

A portion of the service road on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) between Nagawara and Veerannapalya remains closed, choking traffic for several kilometres.

Despite the stretch being a key corridor to the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Namma Metro, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) are showing no urgency to complete the work.

Earlier this week, vehicles began slowing down from Hennur Road junction and came to a halt atop the flyover in front of Manyata Tech Park, with the jam stretching all the way to Kempapura, just before Hebbal. Regular commuters say the situation has persisted for a very long time.

Namma Metro has blocked the service road in front of the sewage treatment plant (STP) in Hebbal, while the BWSSB has partly blocked the service road below Nagawara for laying water pipelines.

Poor road conditions and delayed works by multiple agencies worsen traffic on the Outer Ring Road. DH PHOTO/NAVEEN MENEZES

Workers on the site told *DH* that one side of the service road should be ready for public use within a month, but Namma Metro officials were not available for comment.

The improvement of the service road from Kasturinagar to Kempapura is part of the GBA's high-density corridor improvement project. Progress has been slow. An engineer in charge of the project said the delay is due to works taken up by multiple agencies on the same stretch.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who is also the MLA of Byatarayanapura assembly constituency, recently inspected the site and expressed frustration over the delay in Metro works, particularly the continued blockage of service roads.

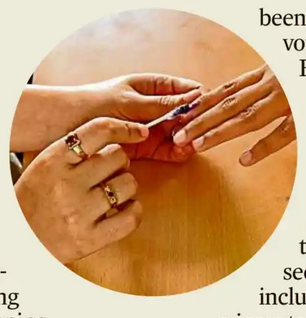
Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar also visited the spot. Metro officials have since begun levelling the road to lay asphalt, but the work is far from complete.

During a drive along the stretch, large volumes of garbage were visible on the edges of the underpass at Hennur, which is also covered with half a lane of silt and broken slabs. Similar garbage piles were seen all the way till Babusapalya, raising questions about the quality of the regular cleanliness drive conducted by the Bengaluru North City Corporation.

RED FLAGS

Civil society groups allege lack of transparency in voter mapping

BENGALURU, DHNS



"My Vote, My Right', a coalition of several civil society organisations, has written to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) flagging discrepancies in the voter-mapping process.

Among the major concerns raised is the lack of clarity and transparency regarding the progress of voter roll mapping.

The letter noted that while the CEO claimed that mapping had been completed for 4.46 crore out of 5.57 crore voters, the supporting documents did not substantiate this figure.

"However, column 8 on page 1 of the document shared by the CEO's office reveals that only 19.13 lakh voters have been 'System and BLO verified'. As the mapping of electoral rolls is being carried out in a completely opaque manner, it remains unclear what protocol is used to determine that the mapping of a voter has been completed. If only 19.13 lakh voters have been 'System and BLO verified', how can it be claimed that the mapping of 4.46 crore voters has been completed?" the letter said.

The group also expressed concern that the mapping exercise is leading to the exclusion of large sections of the population, including women, Adivasis, migrant workers, and other marginalised communities.

"In recent interactions with BLOs, we have learnt that 'Progeny Mapping', which links a voter's name to their parents' or grandparents' names in the 2002 voter list, is only permitted for voters between the ages of 18 and 39 years. The app used by BLOs for this process displays an error if a person is above the age of 40 years."

The group urged the Office of the CEO-K to respond to complaints and communications from civil society organisations and citizens in a timely and proactive manner.

Road rage: Techie assaulted for overtaking scooter

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 28-year-old software engineer was assaulted by a two-wheeler rider following a minor road rage incident near his residence in Mahadevapura.

The suspect was nabbed soon after, the police said.

A senior police officer said the injured, Trideep Ghosh, an employee of a startup software company, stated in his complaint that the incident occurred on March 29, around 10 pm, when he was returning home after meeting a friend.

As Ghosh approached his apartment, he overtook a scooter using his indicator. The rider of an Activa, who was behind him, suddenly rode ahead, intercepted Ghosh and blocked his path. The accused allegedly began shouting and abusing him without any provocation.

When Ghosh questioned the reason for the confrontation, the rider allegedly punched him on the nose, causing severe bleeding. He was then pushed to the ground and kicked on the chest and legs, resulting in multiple injuries.

Speaking to *DH*, Ghosh said the attacker was speaking in a local language, which he could not understand.

"I thought someone was calling for help and stopped my bike. He kept shouting in a language I did not understand. I even asked if he could speak in English or Hindi, but he continued yelling and suddenly attacked me," he said.

TRIDEEP GHOSH
The victim

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Following the assault, passersby gathered at the spot, prompting the accused to flee. Though some people offered to help him reach the hospital, Ghosh said he first managed to take his bike back home.

A senior police officer said that based on a tip-off, the suspect, Varun Kumar, 30, a resident of Mahadevapura, was arrested and further investigations are on.

Man kills wife over financial, domestic disputes

BENGALURU, DHNS: Peenya police have arrested a man who allegedly murdered his wife over a financial dispute.

The arrested person is Dhariyappa, 45, a small-time businessman. The deceased is Kavya (35).

Police received an alert about the murder on Thursday afternoon.

Investigations reveal that the suspect argued with his wife over a financial and domestic dispute, stamped her repeatedly on her neck and killed her. He was subsequently arrested.

"An FIR is being registered, and the accused will be booked under sections related to murder. As of now, the motive appears to be financial and related to domestic issues. Further investigation is ongoing to ascertain the exact nature of the motive behind the crime," a senior police officer told *DH*.

Mother dies by suicide after child drowns in bucket of water

Takes extreme step due to distress over failure to save son

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 29-year-old woman died by suicide after her 11-month-old son drowned in a bucket of water at their house in Chandra Layout.

The deceased are Prathibha Wali and her son, Agastya. The family, natives of Belagavi, lived in a rented house in Byraveshwaranagar on Nagarabhavi Main Road.

Prathibha worked as a software professional in a private company. Her husband, Mahantesh Wali, 32, works as an engineer at a private firm in Peenya. The couple married five years ago.

Agastya

Prathibha Wali

Mahantesh returned home from work on Wednesday evening to find the door locked from inside. After repeated knocks and unanswered calls, he used a spare key to enter the third-floor house.

He found his wife hanging from the ceiling with slash marks on her wrist. The infant was found lying unconscious on the bed.

Handwritten note

A handwritten note at the spot stated that the child had fallen into a bucket of water and died, and that she was unable to save him. The note, written in English, also contained an apology to him.

Chandra Layout police were alerted about the incident.

A senior police officer told *DH* that preliminary investigations suggest Prathibha, distressed over her child's death, died by suicide.

She had been about to bathe her son and had left him near a bucket of water while she briefly stepped into another room to fetch clothes.

On returning, she found the child with his head submerged in the bucket.

A case of unnatural death has been registered and further investigations are on.

Planetarium announces summer science workshops, extra shows for children

BENGALURU, DHNS

For students eager to swap textbooks for telescopes this vacation, the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium (JNP) has unveiled its 'Special Summer Programmes', set to begin on April 7.

Designed to foster creativity through hands-on learning, the workshops cover a wide range of scientific topics for students from classes 3 to 10.

The 2026 line-up includes the 'Tiny Tots' programme, which explores concepts like light and air, as well as 'Fun with Science' demonstrations. More advanced sessions such as 'Aero-modeling' will allow participants to build and test their own gliders.

For budding astronomers, JNP is offering 'Astronomy through Apps' and 'Astro-computing', which uses CLEA software to help students locate asteroids and track celestial movements. Other highlights include a 'Water Rocket' workshop with live launch demonstrations and a special session on 'Zero Shadow Day'.

Anticipating increased footfall during the holiday season, the planetarium will also step up its daily shows, starting April 4. Popular shows such as 'Dawn of the Space Age' and 'Celestial Fireworks' will be screened in both Kannada and English throughout the day.

In addition, JNP is set to launch a new production, 'Voyager–The Never Ending Journey', featuring visually engaging content for space enthusiasts.

Plan your visit

Show timings (daily)
Kannada: 11.30 am, 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm. English: 10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 5.30 pm.

Holiday notice: Closed on all Mondays and the second Tuesday of every month.

More information: Visit taralaya.karnataka.gov.in or call 080-2237 9725.

Insta handle booked for posting fake SSLC question paper

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru police have booked an Instagram handle for allegedly uploading a fake SSLC question paper and misleading students.

The FIR was registered against "_delta_kannadiga_01" following a complaint by Gopalkrishna HN from the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB), Malleswaram.

The complainant told police that on March 17 at 12 pm, the handle uploaded a page resembling the front page of the Kannada subject question paper. It was subsequently found to be the previous year's question paper.

The complainant urged police to take action against the handle for spreading false information. The case was registered under Section 66C (identity theft) of the Information Technology Act. Further probe is underway.

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICATION PETITION No. 1039 OF 2023

Petitioner for Letter of Administration With the will dated 21.01.2011 annexed thereto in respect of the certain properties and Credits belonging to Shankaraappa Jamadar, Hindu, Inhabitant of Mumbai, who was residing at thetime of his death at Hirerugi Taluka Indi District Vijayapuri State Karnataka. .....Deceased.

Mohini Balasubramanian
Aged 58 years, Occ. Housewife
Hindu Inhabitant, having
Address at A-2405, Vishnu Shivam Tower, Thakur Village, Behind Vishnu Shivam Mall,Kandivali (East), Mumbai-4000 101, Sole legatee under the last Will of deceased,dated 21.01.2011
... Petitioners.

To:
ALL Concerned

If you claim to have any interest in the estate of the deceased you are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration with Will.

In case you intend to oppose the grant of Letters of Administration with Will, you should file in the Office of the Prothonotary and Senior Master a Caveat within 14 days from the service of this Citation upon you.

You are hereby informed that the free legal services from the State Legal Services Authorities, High Court Legal Services Committees, District Legal Services Authorities and Taluka Legal Services Committees as per eligibility criteria are available to you and in case, you are eligible and desire to avail the free legal services, you may contact any of the above Legal Services Authorities/Committees".

Witness MR. SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this day of **29th December, 2025.**

For Prothonotary and Senior Master
This 1st day of January, 2026

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Abhishek Walwaikar
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Uttar Pradesh TOURISM

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (UPSTDC) invites e-tenders for

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Interested Parties may download e-tender document from the e-tender website **https://etender.up.nic.in** from **3rd April, 2026** and submit their proposals on e-tender portal latest by

24th April, 2026, 02:00 PM

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction Schedules on 09.04.26 & 13.04.26
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

E-Auction Catalogue No.	Stations	Category/ Sub-Category
PARKING-CMJ-26	Parking contract at Chamarajapuram (CMJ) Railway Station	Parking-Mixed
Last date of submission of bid for tender **Up to : 15.00 Hours on 09.04.2026**		
PARKING-JRU-26	Parking contract at Chikajajur (JRU) Railway Station	Parking-Mixed
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E-Tender No. LRC-3_CT_ RSP_250_NMGHS, dated 01.04.2026. E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (LHB), Carriage and Wagon Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from tenderers having financial and technically capabilities for the following work: **Name of Work:** "Conversion of NMG coaches to NMGHS coaches" . **Approx. Cost of works:** ₹ 40,10,66,711.50; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 80,21,300.00; **Tender Document Cost:** 0.00; **Tender Closing date and time** : 22.04.2026 at 14.00 hrs. **Website where complete details of Tender is available : www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers are advised to check IREPS portal frequently to find if any corrigendum is published after publication of Tender Notice. MISC-03/2026-27

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CARRIAGE & WAGON WORKS
Tender Notice No: CWWAGONPAINT2026-28

For and on behalf of President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage & Wagon Works, Southern Railway, Perambur, Chennai -23 invites e-tender for the following work as per the tender notice given in e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Name of work:- Painting and Stenciling work in wagon at the premises of Carriage & Wagon Workshop

Approximate cash value (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Bidding start date	Tender closing date and time	Cost of tender form (₹)	Period of Completion in months
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
₹ 3,07,78,240.66/-	₹ 6,15,600/-	10 / 04 / 2026	24 / 04 / 2026 15:00	Nil	24 Month

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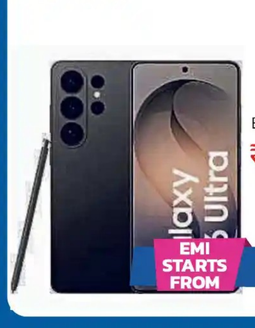

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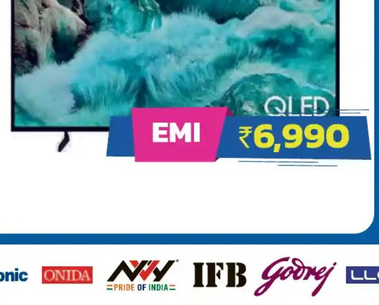

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West Asia conflict: Construction costs go up, projects may be delayed

Builders stare at close to 15% cost escalation

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Lack of gas to process materials required for construction has resulted in a significant increase in prices of materials such as steel, tiles, and cement which are crucial for construction. As a result of this, the builders are staring at a close to 15% increase in the overall construction cost and this could go up further in the coming days, the industry experts said.

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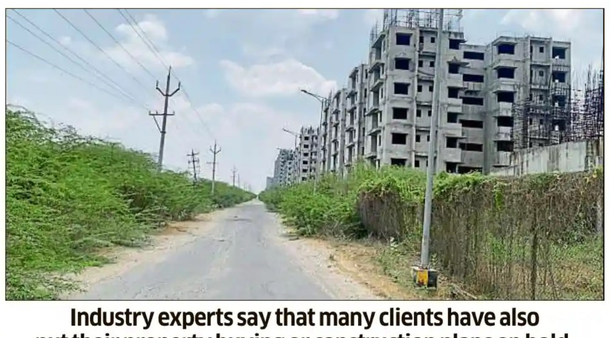
"Gas is crucial for processing of many items required for construction and as a result, supply of materials like tiles and steel has taken a hit. Steel which was priced at Rs 55-60 per kg last month now costs Rs 75 to Rs 80. Similar is the case with many other materials," said Khaleed Rehman, architect with Centre for Vernacular Architecture.



Industry experts say that many clients have also put their property buying or construction plans on hold. DH FILE PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATION

While the cement prices have not gone up yet, builders said that the companies were planning to announce a hike in prices over the next week.

The entire supply chain has been disrupted and this is a problem, said representatives from the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (Credai).

"Many raw materials and spare parts are imported from various countries. The entire supply chain has been disrupted. Also, there was a credit system in place. Now, given the situation, the vendors are expecting immediate payments which is also affecting liquidity. This would lead to bigger problems," said Sriram K from Credai.

Credai has also urged the government to help ease out the situation. Home buyers may see a delay in completion of projects and may have to wait longer as there is a shortage of the materials as well. "Even if we place orders, companies are not promising supply. There is already a shortage and if the conflict in West Asia continues, materials may not be available even at a higher price," said Yash G, a Bengaluru-based architect.

That apart, since the polymer industry is hit hard with a lack of raw materials imported from West Asia and gas shortage, there is also a shortage of sanitaryware and paint. "Many of the sanitaryware is made of plastic including pipes and a shortage of this makes completion of construction impossible," said Manjunath M, a contractor.

People have also been wary of beginning construction or buying properties owing to the situation. "Overall, the consumers are also a little worried about the situation. A lot of real estate is also dependent on those in Dubai and other countries and hence a slow down on orders is also expected," said Prashant R, Managing Director of a well-known company that manufactures construction materials.

Industry experts said that many clients have also put their property buying or construction plans on hold. They also noted that the situation might get worse if the conflict in West Asia continues and the impact may remain for a long term.

IndianOil scales up Auto LPG supplies across state

BENGALURU, DHNS

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IndianOil) has significantly scaled up its Auto LPG supplies across the state in response to a recent surge in demand, particularly following the closure or partial shutdown of several private Auto LPG outlets in the city and other parts of the state.

IndianOil is currently meeting the fuel requirements of auto rickshaws and LPG-driven cars through its extensive network of 55 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) spread across Karnataka.

With over 300 outlets operated by private players reportedly closed or partially operational, a substantial portion of the demand has shifted to Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) outlets.

A press statement, issued by V Vetriselvakkumar, chief general manager (Corporate Communications), IndianOil, Southern Regional Office, Chennai, states that despite the increased operational load on its infrastructure, IndianOil has made concerted efforts to ensure uninterrupted supply and efficient service delivery to LPG-powered vehicles during this challenging period.

The average daily sales at IndianOil's ALDS in Karnataka have risen sharply to 59.53 metric tonnes (MT), compared to the previous three-month average of 43.4 MT, reflecting a significant increase in consumer demand, the company said.

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Crowding at LPG stations adds to Bengaluru's traffic woes

Queues extend up to 1 km in front of gas stations

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Autorickshaws queue up outside an LPG filling station Kadirenahalli in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Crowding outside LPG gas stations in the city is adding to the city's traffic woes, as auto drivers struggle to operate for the third day in a row on Thursday.

The queues at some of the auto LPG stations extended up to a kilometre.

For the past three days, auto drivers and commuters have reported crowding at gas stations in multiple locations such as Uttarahalli, Dinnur, Mathikere, Rajajinagar, Yeshwantpur, and Guttahalli, among others.

Auto drivers who were queuing to get LPG in Rajajinagar were livid after having to return empty-handed despite waiting for more than three hours.

"Drivers are desperate to get gas. So, when they heard that there was gas at a particular pump in Rajajinagar, people started crowding. They waited for hours only to be told there was no more gas left. It's obvious they're going to be angry after waiting in the sun for hours. But the crowd didn't turn violent," said D Rudramurthy, general secretary of the Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union (ARDU).

To prevent such situations, in the north part of the city, the number of traffic police on the ground in areas such as Yeshwantpur, Rajajinagar and Peenya has been increased, said Jayaprakash, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic North). Similarly, efforts have also been made in SP Road, said Gopal M Byakod, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic South).

Auto drivers also reported that more private gas stations remained shut on Thursday compared to the past two days.

"Compared to private players, the public sector ones have a stock of LPG. But currently. The whole market is being dominated by private players when it comes to LPG. They're mostly dependent on import facilities. Since that is cut off, there is a crisis," an industry insider working in the public sector told *DH*.

"In Uttarahalli, the gas station is located at a busy strip of the road, exactly at a point where many vehicles take U-turns. On Wednesday evening, a BMTC bus trying to take the turn got stuck because there was no space left on the other side, as autos queuing for gas had taken up more than half the road. Since the bus ended up blocking a major part of the road, it caused a severe traffic jam. I was stuck there for about 30-40 minutes," said Nagalakshmi SP, a 43-year-old auto driver.

Commuters also reported similar traffic problems in parts of Koramangala, Madiwala, and Old Airport Road.

"The gas station on Devegowda Road had such a long queue that it disrupted traffic movement. Because of the congestion, we were unable to exit our store," said Bukhari, who runs an electronics store on the same street.

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More bookings for electric autos

As a result of multiple auto drivers halting operations due to the dearth of LPG, the number of autos on city roads has seen a dip. This has led to more bookings for electric autos.

"Usually, I get a minimum break of at least 30 minutes between each booking. But since Tuesday, the bookings have been non-stop. While on a regular basis I'd get 20 bookings per day, now it's almost doubled. There's high demand," said Raghavendra S, who shifted to an electric auto two years back.

Manjunath Achari, another electric auto driver, also noted a similar trend since Tuesday evening.

CNG autos struggling

"CNG autos are also not performing too well as the CNG bunks are not operating properly. At many private bunks, such as GAIL, the drivers are going and getting their tanks filled only to later realise that it was mostly air. This is a major concern that is adding to the current chaos," said Tanveer Pasha, president, Ola Uber Drivers and Owners' Association (OUDOA).

Multiple associations across the city, including ARDU and OUDOA, have also called out the State government for not speaking up on the ongoing crisis.

'Samagra Samalochana Kendra' to revamp adolescent healthcare

BENGALURU, DHNS

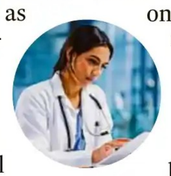
In a move to revamp adolescent healthcare and mental health support, the state government has announced the establishment of Samagra Samalochana Kendra (SSK).

These integrated counselling centres will streamline services across all government health facilities, from district hospitals to community health centres.

According to a government order issued on Wednesday, the state aims to strengthen the existing Sneha Centres, the state chapter of the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK). Currently, adolescent health services face gaps, with 14 districts lacking dedicated Sneha clinics and several others struggling with a shortage of trained counsellors.

The integrated model

Under the new SSK framework, the government will move away from programme-specific structure. Previously, counsellors were restricted to specific areas such as Mental Health, HIV/AIDS (KSAPS), or Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD). Now, all counsellors under the National Health Mission (NHM) will function as integrated counsellors, providing holistic support to any patient regardless of the specific health programme they fall under.



To ensure privacy, health facilities will designate specific units where beneficiaries can seek one-on-one guidance. The National Health Mission is also set to develop digital tools and learning resources to support these integrated staff members.

Focus on schools and outreach

A significant portion of the order focuses on adolescents (aged 10-19). The Health department will collaborate with the Education department to align RKSK activities with school structures. Existing "School Health Ambassadors" will now serve as nodal teachers for adolescent wellness.

The government has mandated a special OPD day on the 13th of every month. On this day, specialists, including pediatricians, psychiatrists, and orthopedicians, will provide consultations for high-need children identified through school screenings.

To ensure accountability, the state has created a new post of Assistant Deputy Director to monitor RKSK activities. This move is expected to improve outcomes in critical areas, including the prevention of teenage pregnancies and improving the nutritional status of the state's youth. The Health department will also consolidate various resource materials into a single online self-learning module, accessible to both counsellors and students across Karnataka.

Jazeera Airways to operate Kuwait-M'luru chartered flights

MANGALURU, DHNS: Jazeera Airways will operate special biweekly charter flights between Kuwait and Mangaluru via Dammam starting April 8. The Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has accorded permission for the special operations. The flights will operate on Wednesday and Sunday.

The airline will ferry passengers from Kuwait to Dammam, an approximately six-hour journey, and stop at Saudi border for mandatory checks before going straight to Dammam airport. The same process will be followed on the return leg from Dammam with stop at Kuwait border for mandatory checks.

Flight J9 3417 will depart Kuwait at 8.40 am local time there and reach Mangaluru at 4.10 pm IST.

Flight J9 3418 will depart Mangaluru at 4.55 pm IST and reach Kuwait at 7.40 pm, local time there.

Ashoka accuses Cong of using money power to win bypolls

DAVANGERE, DHNS: Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Congress saying that the grand old party was banking on money power to win the bypoll to Davangere South.

Campaigning for the party nominee Srinivas Dasakariappa at Hadadi, Ashoka said, "Siddaramaiah has said that he will make the poor win. He has indirectly appealed to the voters to vote for the BJP nominee. Siddaramaiah is not 'anna ramaiah', he is a 'sullu ramaiah'. The Centre is providing rice to the poor, not the state. Only the bag belongs to the state government."

He said, "The entire Congress government is here to defeat BJP's common worker (Srinivas Dasakariappa)... The Congress leaders have come here with cash bags. Three MLAs and ministers have been deputed for each booth to distribute the money to voters."

DKS dares Ashoka

Reacting to BJP leader's charge that Congress leaders have come here with cash bags, Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D K Shivakumar dared the saffron party leaders to lodge a complaint on suitcases/money bags.

Congress deploys army of MLAs, ministers to retain Bagalkot

Siddu's trusted lieutenant Satish Jarkiholi overseeing campaign strategy

SHRINIDHI R
BAGALKOT, DHNS

With polling fast approaching, the Congress has mobilised its full strength in Bagalkot to retain the constituency in the upcoming bypoll.

The move follows an internal party survey that indicated a neck-and-neck contest, with the margin of victory expected to be narrow.

Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, a close aide of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has been camping in the constituency for the past 15 days, overseeing campaign strategy for party candidate Umesh Meti.

With less than a week left for polling, the chief minister has deployed over 40 MLAs and 20 ministers across the constituency. They have been tasked with ensuring that the Congress vote base remains intact.

Bagalkot constituency has around 2.8 lakh voters, almost evenly split between urban and rural areas. The urban electorate stands at approximately 1.14 lakh, while rural voters account for about 1.40 lakh. Women voters outnumber their male counterparts in the Constituency and, as such, hold the key. The social composition includes nearly 70,000 Lingayats, 40,000 Kurubas, 35,000 Muslims, 12,000 STs, 30,000 SCs (combined), 8,000 Lambanis, and around 10,000 voters from other communities.

Voting trends from the past three elections suggest that urban voters tend to favour the BJP, while rural voters have largely supported the Congress. This pattern strengthened after the 2008 delimitation, when Amingad, Kamatagi and Shirur areas were merged into Bagalkot, adding nearly 45,000 Congress-leaning votes. This shift had earlier helped H Y Meti secure a comfortable lead.

To consolidate its support, the Congress has assigned two MLAs to each gram panchayat and two ministers to each Zilla Panchayat constituency. Additionally, Mallikarjun Charantimath - younger brother of BJP candidate Veeranna Charantimath, who had rebelled in the 2023 election and secured around 10,000 votes - has now officially joined the Congress. The party expects his support base to transfer in its favour.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy speaks at a campaign meeting, seeking votes for Umesh Meti, the Congress nominee from Bagalkot Assembly constituency, at Benakatti village, on Thursday.

Bijapur City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal campaigns for BJP candidate from Bagalkot Veeranna Charantimath at Bhagawati village on Thursday. DH PHOTOS

Basangouda Goudar of Bagalkot stated that the chief minister is treating the bypoll with utmost seriousness. Though earlier surveys gave an edge to the BJP, the situation is changing after intense campaigning by the Congress in the past few days," he said.

He added that MLAs are reaching out to their respective communities, urging them to support the party. The government's guarantee schemes have also been well received, and there is a perception among voters that these benefits may be affected if Congress loses.

BJP wooing urban voters

Meanwhile, the BJP is focusing on consolidating its urban voter base. With support from the RSS, the party has reportedly enrolled over 5,400 new voters. Expelled BJP leader Basangouda Patil Yatnal is also campaigning for party candidate Veeranna Charantimath, which is expected to boost the party's prospects.

The BJP is conducting door-to-door campaigns in Navanagar, urging voters to turn out in large numbers. In the previous election, urban voter turnout was below 50%, while rural turnout exceeded 84%.

With both parties intensifying efforts, the contest is expected to go down to the wire.

AI-powered monitoring for dialysis launched at KC General Hosp

BENGALURU, DHNS

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Thursday inaugurated an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based smart monitoring system for dialysis at KC General Hospital. Launched in collaboration with NephroPlus under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, the system aims to bring the quality of government healthcare on par with the private sector.

Speaking at the event, the minister stated that the government will monitor the effectiveness of the AI system for two months before considering a rollout to other government hospitals across the state. "This technology ensures that treatment quality and patient safety are significantly strengthened through real-time data," he said.

"With the introduction of AI-based monitoring, the quality of treatment and patient safety under the PPP model will be significantly bolstered. We are currently collaborating with two private entities to enhance AI usage, ensuring that citizens receive world-class care at state facilities," he added.

The AI system monitors 28 critical parameters, including blood pressure, fluid outflow, and electrolyte balance in real-time. Beyond clinical vitals, it also evaluates bed availability, staff alertness, infection control, and cleanliness.

The technology currently operates with 85% to 95% accuracy. By moving away from manual, periodic checks to continuous digital surveillance, the system allows medical teams to make immediate, data-driven decisions during emergencies.

Rohit Singh, CEO of NephroPlus, highlighted the necessity of constant vigilance in dialysis. "Continuous monitoring is vital. This AI system ensures uniform quality across all centers, providing a safer and more reliable service for patients," he stated.

Govt-run labs to provide diagnostic services at central health scheme rates

BENGALURU, DHNS: Following the successful implementation of the HLL Lifecare Limited (Hindlab) model at K C General Hospital, the government has decided to replicate this system at Sir C V Raman General Hospital and Jayanagar General Hospital. These labs provide diagnostic services at Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) rates, which are significantly lower than private market prices.

Medical Superintendents at these hospitals have been directed to immediately provide the necessary space to set up these new units.

Sample collection at doorsteps

Recognising the difficulties faced by senior citizens and severely ill patients, the government is introducing home sample collection services. Where trained phlebotomists will be deployed to collect samples directly from patients' residences. The charges for these services will include the standard CGHS test fees plus additional transport costs.

To reduce reliance on expensive private laboratories for specialised medical investigations, the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI)/Victoria Hospital will be developed as a "Hub Laboratory".

This hub will handle high-end diagnostic samples referred from other government hospitals across the city.

'BJP follows Godse's Hindutva, Cong believes in Gandhi's Hindutva'

DAVANGERE, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Thursday that the Congress party believed in Mahatma Gandhi's Hindutva while the BJP followed the Godse Hindutva

Campaigning for the Congress nominee from Davangere South, Samarth Shamanur in the city, Siddaramaiah said, "They (BJP) claim that they are Hindus. What about us? Are we not Hindus? There are the names of two Gods in my name. Mallikarjun, Eshwar (Khandre) are also Hindus."

Continuing his attack on the BJP, the chief minister said, "The BJP came to power through backdoors. It never got 113 seats on its own in the assembly polls."

He charged that the BJP looted money when it was in power from 2008 to 2013.

Siddaramaiah

They had mentioned over 600 promises in their manifesto during the 2018 assembly polls. But they could fulfill only 60 promises. But we fulfilled 158 of 165 promises made ahead of the 2013 polls."

The chief minister urged the voters to elect Samarth to carry on the development works executed by veteran Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa in the Davangere South constituency.

"We have a practice of issuing tickets to kin of bereaved leaders. So, Samarth was given a ticket as his grandfather (Shamanur Shivashanakrappa) died. Similarly, the party has fielded the son of senior Congress leader H Y Meti in Bagalkot bypolls," Siddaramaiah added.

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Two engineers held on bribery charges

YADGIR, DHNS: The Lokayukta police on Thursday arrested an assistant executive engineer (AEE) and junior engineer (JE) of Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited (KBJNL) on the charge of receving a bribe of Rs 35,000 for clearing a bill of a contractor.

Madhusudhan and Manjunath of KBJNL office at Shahapur are the two arrested. They had demanded the bribe from Khasimsab Jalalsab, a contractor, for releasing his pending bill, after which he had made a complaint to the Lokayukta authorities.

Madhusudhan received the bribe money through UPI transfer in the office on Thursday.

Students showcase projects at NAIN conclave

BENGALURU, DHNS: A drone system for disaster monitoring, a sensor-based mat for Kabaddi and an AI-enabled self-learning Braille device were among projects showcased by students at the New Age Innovation Network (NAIN) Innovation Conclave at the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-B) on Thursday.

According to a release, the government's NAIN programme has benefitted 2,300 students with more than 600 projects funded, over 400 prototypes developed, 60 startups incorporated and a growing number of patents and IP filings. "A key emerging focus is on intellectual property creation and commercialization, reflecting a shift from ideation to market-ready solutions," the release said.

Iran vows 'crushing' attacks on US, Israel...

Iran, From Page 1

In Tehran, there were a series of loud explosions, sending reverberations across the city. The targets were unclear.

In Lebanon, militant group Hezbollah said its fighters launched drones and rockets at northern Israel on Thursday.

Trump has said talks to end the war could be possible with Iran's new leadership, which he described as "less radical and much more reasonable" than their predecessors.

Tehran has dismissed Washington's ceasefire overtures, describing US demands to end the conflict as "maximalist and irrational".

"Messages have been received through intermediaries, including Pakistan, but there is no direct negotiation with the US," said Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei, quoted by the ISNA news agency Thursday.

Meanwhile, Iran's army chief warned Thursday that should the US military land in the Islamic Republic, "not a single person" will survive among the invaders.

Maj Gen Amir Hatami made the comment in a piece aired by Iranian state television. "The shadow of war must be lifted from our country and there must be security for everyone, because it is not possible for places to be safe and our people to be unsafe," he said.

A spokesman for Iran's military, reacting to US President Donald Trump's speech, insisted Thursday that Tehran maintains hidden stockpiles of arms and munitions.

"The centres you think you have targeted are insignificant, and our strategic military productions take place in locations of which you have no knowledge and will never reach," Lt Col Ebrahim Zolfaghari, a spokesman for the Iranian military's Khatam Al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, said.

Karnataka urban local bodies 'empowered', but starved of funds

5th SFC had recommended adequate funds for ULBs

PRATHIMA NANDAKUMAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

Despite constitutional backing for decentralisation, urban local bodies in Karnataka continue to face funds crunch, with elected representatives flagging shrinking funds amid rapid urbanisation.

Recently, during a Budget workshop for legislators, Melukote MLA Darshan Puttanaiah raised concerns over inadequate funding, pointing to crumbling infrastructure and weak revenue streams in both rural and urban local bodies. He noted that despite rapid urbanisation, allocations have not exceeded 7% of the state Budget.

Responding to this, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the 5th State Finance Commission (SFC) had recommended a 48% share in devolution to local bodies, which the state enhanced to 50%. However, representatives argue that this has not translated into sufficient funds on the ground.

While Karnataka has devolved powers and functions, it must ensure adequate funds and functionaries to support them, noted the 5th State Finance Commission report (2026–30).

Urban local bodies are under increasing pressure, with the urban population rising from 38.67% in 2011 to an estimated 44.4% in 2023. Despite driving economic growth, cities face revenue gaps, heavy reliance on grants, and limited access to borrowing.

Data from the SFC shows that the share of Local Self Governments (LSGs) has increased from 36% in the first SFC to 50% in the 5th SFC (56.7% including Anna Bhagya and Gruha Lakshmi components).

Out of the state's non-loan net own revenue receipts (NLNORR) of Rs 99,371 crore in 2018, rural LSGs received Rs 38,796 crore (39%) and urban LSGs Rs 11,210 crore (11.3%). In 2024–25, out of Rs 1.82 lakh crore, RLSGs got Rs 69,483 crore (38%) and ULSGs Rs 14,748 crore (8.09%). The total devolution to LSGs in 2025–26 was Rs 1,08,799 crore (56.7%) including guarantee schemes, but stands at 40% without them, which is against the accepted share of 48%. While the rural share rose from 39% in 2018 to 49.3% in 2026, the urban share dipped from 11.3% to 7.36%.

Karnataka has 317 ULSGs—city corporations (18 including five under GBA), CMC (58), TMC (126) and town panchayats (115) and a majority face widening disparities due to fund crunch and vacancies (40-55%).

While property tax collections is low due to incomplete records and undervaluation, the state government is exploring ways to augment revenue through use of 3D drone technology for property mapping, assessment and engaging self help groups for tax collection (with a 5% incentive) and automated alerts for new property registrations.

It is planning to levy of professional tax, advertisement fees, sanitation and solid waste management charges, parking fees and a share in state GST to ULSGs, besides compulsory metering of water supply system (77% of ULSGs have less than 50% of water connections metered).

Record collection

Year	Tax demand	Collection
2017-18	Rs 507.28 cr	Rs 322.77 cr
2018-19	Rs 623.24 cr	Rs 483.49 cr
2019-20	Rs 662.24 cr	Rs 633.55 cr
2020-21	Rs 711.12 cr	Rs 683.92 cr
2021-22	Rs 766.08 cr	Rs 749.3 cr
2022-23	Rs 786.5 cr	Rs 571.94 cr
2023-24	Rs 1,290.14 cr	Rs 767.87 cr
2024-25	Rs 1,590.76 cr	Rs 1,272.54 cr
2025-26	**Rs 1,560.76 cr**	**Rs 1,382.57 cr**

SOURCE: RDPR DEPT

GPs mop up Rs 1,382 cr in taxes

Every rupee collected is being reinvested into village infra, public services, and local development: Minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

The gram panchayats (GPs) in the state have ended the 2025-26 fiscal with a record tax collection of Rs 1,382.57 crore, the government said on Thursday.

Rural Development Minister Priyank Kharge said the state has 5,943 gram panchayats whose total tax demand rose to Rs 1,560.77 crore in the fiscal year that ended March 31. "The department reported total tax collections of Rs 1,382.57 crore in 2025–26, marking an increase of Rs 110.04 crore over Rs 1,272.54 crore collected in 2024–25. This represents a record 89% realisation of the current demand, the highest in recent years," Priyank said.

"Every rupee collected is being reinvested into village infrastructure, public services, and local development," the minister said.

In 2024–25, gram panchayats had, for the first time in the department's history, collected Rs 1,272.54 crore, achieving 80% of the current demand.

"Karnataka had previously secured the top position at the national level in tax collection and revenue mobilisation, and the continued upward trend highlights the impact of efficient administration, strict enforcement of regulations, and strengthened tax collection mechanisms," Priyank said.

"This achievement has been driven by extensive awareness campaigns, targeted tax collection drives and the sustained efforts of officials at all levels—from gram panchayat bill collectors to senior administrators," he added.

The Raichur district recorded an "exceptional" 129% tax collection, while 11 districts across the state achieved over 100% collection, demonstrating strong local-level execution and compliance, Priyank said.

HM: Steps taken to eradicate drug networks in state

BENGALURU, DHNS

Home Minister G Parameshwara on Thursday said that steps have been taken to completely eradicate drug networks in the state.

He addressed the medal awardees after participating in the Police Flag Day and the Chief Minister's Medal presentation ceremony held at the KSRP parade ground in Koramangala.

"Our government has stepped forward to eradicate the drug network in the state, and the chief minister has declared his intention to make Karnataka drug-free. By seizing drugs worth thousands of crores of rupees over the last three years, strict action has been taken against many involved in the racket," Parameshwara said.

"The menace of cybercrime is increasing in the country. For the first time in the country, Karnataka has established a Cyber Command Unit and appointed a DGP-rank officer. By providing more encouragement to the Cyber Command Unit, we have been successful in reducing cybercrimes," he claimed.

He said the Union Home Department has recognised the Kavitala Police Station in Raichur district as the third best police station in the country.

"The government wants all police stations in the state to become excellent police stations like the Kavitala Police Station in the coming days," he said.

Parameshwara accepted that the department faces challenges every day.

"Police officers and personnel have demonstrated their capability by detecting crimes very swiftly without compromising the integrity of the department during their duty. I express my appreciation for their efficiency and capability," he added.

"The Union home minister has stated that they have made the country Naxal-free. By establishing the Anti-Naxal Force many years ago, we made Karnataka the first Naxal-free state in the country. Modernity is posing challenges every day. There is a need to work on enhancing operational efficiency by undergoing training at all levels," he said.

"The chief minister has made provisions in the budget for the recruitment of 8,000 constables and 600 PSI posts. He has also announced a permanent Police Auxiliary Services Recruitment Board. Further reforms will be brought into the police department in the coming days," he said.

Nasa reaches for the moon as Artemis blasts off

Artemis, From Page 1

To Nasa's relief, no significant hydrogen leaks occurred. The launch team loaded more than 2.6 million litres of fuel into the Space Launch System rocket on the pad, a smooth operation that set the stage for the Artemis II crew to board.

The first day in orbit marked by a series of successful maneuvers and a—thankfully—fixed problem with the onboard toilet. Not long into their flight, they were tasked with a very important test: to make sure the toilet was working. This is the first time a moon-bound human spacecraft has had a functional toilet, after all.

Worryingly, they noticed a "blinking fault light" on the toilet, according to Nasa, but the issue was short-lived and has since been resolved.

During Monday's lunar flyby, the moon will appear to be the size of a basketball held at arm's length.

All of Nasa's moon plans—a surge in launches over the next several years leading to a sustainable moon base for astronauts assisted by robotic rovers and drones—hinge on Artemis II going well. Astronauts' landing near the moon's south pole has been shifted to Artemis IV in 2028—two years before an anticipated Chinese crew's arrival.

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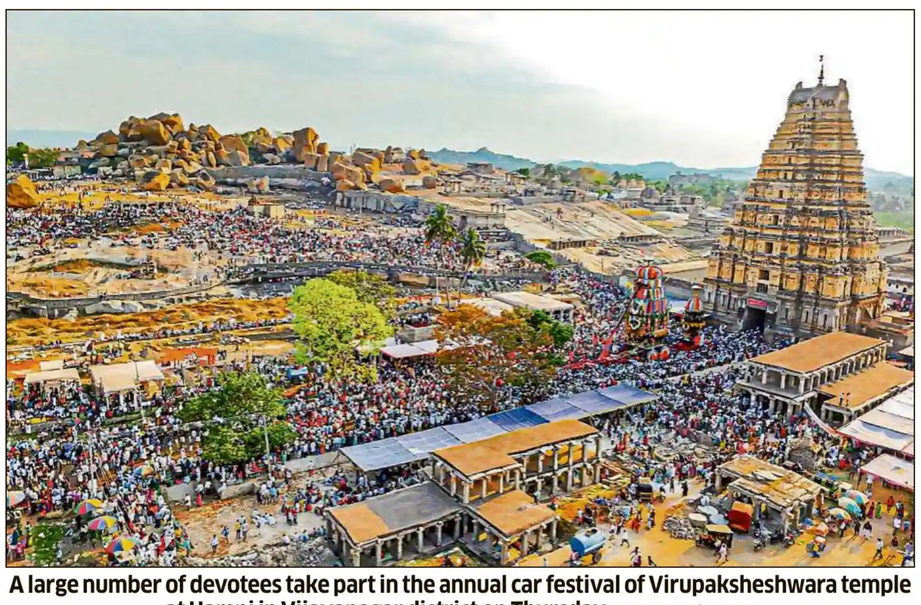

A large number of devotees take part in the annual car festival of Virupaksheshwara temple at Hampi in Vijayanagar district on Thursday. DH PHOTO/LAVA K

Parl to reconvene on April 16...

Parl, From Page 1

The government has initiated consultation with parties in the past fortnight seeking support for two Bills to amend the Constitution, allowing a delimitation based on Census 2011 to increase seats in Lok Sabha and Assemblies by 50% and to enable early implementation of 33% quota, which otherwise could be rolled out only after 2029 Lok Sabha elections.

Major parties like Congress, Trinamool Congress and CPI(M) refused to meet the government managers to discuss the contours of the Bills even as some other parties like Samajwadi Party and DMK held consultations during which senior ministers explained the proposal.

Earlier in the day in Rajya Sabha, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju gave the first official indication of extending the session after Congress Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh sought clarity on whether the Budget Session will be adjourned sine die or will reconvene after some time.

Rijiju rejected accusations that the government is looking at political advantage ahead of elections. Responding to Ramesh's claim that the government has a "single-minded objective of getting some political advantage" violating the Model Code of Conduct, Rijiju said the government is bound to fulfil its promise given to the women of the country. "For us, this has nothing to do with a specific state election," he said.

He said the government has held a series of meetings with parties to explain the details of a "very simple" Bill.

Maintaining that the Opposition supports the initiative, Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said the government's haste raises questions, as the Bill is important and has long-term implications.

Leader of the House JP Nadda said the government is competent to decide time and date for bringing legislative business to Parliament, to which Kharge said Parliament, the nation and people will not tolerate such undemocratic conduct.

Union govt waives import duty...

Import duty, From Page 1

"This measure has been taken as a temporary and targeted relief in order to ensure continued availability of critical petrochemical inputs for domestic industry, reduce cost pressures on downstream sectors, and safeguard supply stability in the country," the ministry said in a statement.

The department of revenue, ministry of finance, has issued a notification in this regard dated April 1.

The list of 40 products exempted from import duties includes anhydrous ammonia, toluene, styrene, dichloromethane (methylene chloride), vinyl chloride monomer, methanol (methyl alcohol), isopropyl alcohol, monoethylene glycol (MEG), phenol, acetic acid, and ammonium nitrate among others.

"The waiver of duties on petrochemical feedstocks is a key positive for sectors such as paints, chemicals, packaging and select consumer industries, where input costs are closely linked to crude derivatives. This provides a meaningful margin cushion for downstream players, partially offsetting broader cost pressures," Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services told *DH*.

The exemption from import duties will help prevent shortages of these inputs, reduce costs for manufacturers of downstream petrochemical products, stabilise prices for end users, and improve the competitiveness of exporters, experts said.

"It will take several weeks for the global oil supply and trade scenario to normalise after the conflict ends. A return to normalcy for global gas supply may take longer than for the oil market, considering operational challenges. That will keep prices in check during the first quarter of fiscal 2027," Sehul Bhatt, Director, Crisil Intelligence, said.

A separate government notification has also removed the Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess on ammonium nitrate. The exemptions take effect from April 2 and will remain in force until June 30.

SC orders central probe...

Bengal, From Page 1

"It was not a routine incident but appears to be a calculated, motivated move to demoralise the judicial officers and stop the process of adjudicating objections in left-out cases," the bench added.

The court directed the EC to submit the compliance report of the probe and submit a preliminary enquiry report directly to this court.

The court took up the matter without the formal listing after considering media reports about the incident.

Observing that the law and order machinery in the state has "broken down", the bench castigated the state officers for their delayed action.

Seven judicial officials, including three women, were taken hostage by anti-social elements, the CJI said, adding that he himself had to monitor the situation till late at night on Wednesday.

The court rejected the state Advocate General's submission that it was an "apolitical protest".

The court warned that it will not allow anyone to take law into their hands in order to create a psychological attack on the judicial officers. It said the act constituted criminal contempt.

"This is also an abdication of duty by the West Bengal government and the officers need to furnish reasons why, even after being informed, they did not ensure safe evacuation of the officers," the court said.

The bench was highly critical of the fact that neither the district magistrate nor the superintendent of police reached the spot. The Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court had to call the DGP and home secretary. Following which, the home secretary and DGP reached the residence of CJ of Calcutta HC.

The court noted that only after the intervention of the DGP and home secretary, the judicial officers were released after 12 am.

"When they were released at midnight and they were going to their places, there was stone pelting on their vehicles and attacks by sticks etc," the bench noted.

The court said it was imperative for the state government to inform EC about the incident.

It directed the commission to deploy central forces for the safe working of judicial officers. The EC was also told to deploy forces at the residence of such officers.

"If any judicial officer has any apprehension regarding threat to the family, immediate measures should to be taken. The EC and state government are directed to take all remedial measures for the safe functioning of the task entrusted to the judicial officers. Home secretary, DGP, district magistrate and all police officials are directed to ensure that not more than two or three persons shall be allowed to enter to file objections or when hearing takes place and not more than five shall be allowed to assemble," the court ordered.

The bench directed the chief secretary, DGP, district magistrate and SSP to show cause why action should not be taken in light of the letter received from the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court. All these officers were directed to remain present online on April 6.

Deviation up to 15% allowed for occupation cert

Deviation, From Page 1

The government has invited objections and suggestions from the public within 30 days.

If the final notification comes into effect, the commissioners of all five corporations will be empowered to regularise construction violations where full demolition is considered "not feasible without affecting structural stability". In all, the commissioners can act on four specific parameters of deviations such as setbacks around a building, plot coverage, floor area ratio (FAR) and building height.

What is pardonable?

The notification has laid down two broad categories of buildings. For smaller plots (up to 500 sq m, buildings below 15 metres in height), up to 15% of the total setback area on all sides is allowed, provided the deviation on any single side does not exceed half the required setback measured linearly.

It has also allowed deviation of up to 15% for ground coverage and floor area ratio (FAR) deviation of up to 7.5%.

For larger plots (above 500 sq m, any height), setback deviations of up to 15% are permissible with ground coverage deviation capped at 15% and FAR deviation at a stricter 5%.

Building height, in both the above categories, cannot exceed the sanctioned number of floors, the notification states.

In simple terms, the government has encouraged construction of houses or buildings much closer to the neighboring property but has shown no leniency to the construction of illegal floors, which is rampant in Bengaluru.

The notification has also proposed a fee structure for the regularisation scheme. It includes a scrutiny fee of 0.01% (residential) or 0.02% (non-residential) and compounding fee for those who skipped the plinth certificate, which is 0.06% (residential) and 0.08% (non-residential).

Fees are calculated on the guidance value of the site, subject to a minimum consideration of Rs 50,000 per sq m which is applied to the total built-up area. Each corporation expects the revenue to run into crores.

Suhas Ananth Rajkumar, a resident of CV Raman Nagar said the government has completely changed the thought process of regularising building deviations.

"So far, the 5% deviation was allowed to help property owners who had violated the sanctioned plan inadvertently. The new amendment shows the government is helping people who have intentionally violated. These relaxations on top of the recent amendments to the zonal regulations are designed to ruin the city," he said.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at isolated places over the State.
Forecast April 3: Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and Minimum temperature very likely to be around 33°C and 21°C respectively.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	35.2	21.0	7.8
Bidar	35.2	22.0	0.0
Vijayapura	36.0	21.0	2.2
Dharwad	34.0	20.0	11.0
Haveri	34.6	20.8	6.8
Kalaburagi	38.6	23.6	0.0
Raichur	37.0	23.0	0.0

COASTAL

Honnavar	33.5	24.6	0.0
Karwar	35.6	25.4	0.0
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	34.1	24.7	0.0

INTERIOR SOUTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	31.3	21.3	0.5
Bengaluru	33.8	20.6	1.8
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	--	--	--
Chikkamagaluru	--	--	--
Chitradurga	35.7	22.0	0.0
Davangere	35.2	19.5	5.0
Hassan	33.6	14.5	0.0
Mysuru	34.2	20.0	17.0
Madikeri	--	--	--
Kolar	34.6	16.6	0.0

OTHER STATIONS

New Delhi	33.0	21.0	NIL
Kolkata	34.0	26.0	NIL
Mumbai	31.0	26.0	NA
Chennai	33.0	26.0	NA
Pune	35.0	22.0	NA
Hyderabad	35.0	24.0	NA
Th'puram	31.0	26.0	NIL

Applications invited for KSOU vice-chancellor's post

BENGALURU, DHNS:: Days after the controversy over hosting an international conference on the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) campus, the Governor's Secretariat issued a notification on Thursday inviting applications for the post of vice-chancellor of the varsity.

The term of the incumbent VC, Sharanappa V Halase, ended in November 2025. The goveror has extended his term by another six months.

The government had issued a notice to Halase for hosting a 3-day international conference on the varsity campus, in association with 'Prajna Pravah' and Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Research Foundation. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot took part in the event, which began on March 25.

The government, not satisfied with the VC's reply, ordered to cancel the programme on late evening of March 24, 2026.

However, the conference was held for three days, defying the government's order. Meanwhile, the government took steps to freeze KSOU bank accounts on March 25 to prevent "misuse" of funds as an investigation into alleged financial irregularities at the university was underway.

According to the sources, even that order of the government was not considered by the respective banks and the salaries and other payments were done through the university's account on Wednesday.

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY

Office of The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, GBA,
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No:DCF/PR/11/2026-27 Date: 02.04.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that The Chief Manager (Maintenance-Civil), GAIL (India) Limited, Bengaluru, has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing in Survey Numbers 39, 40 & 46 of Haralagunte Village. Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. Bengaluru for **Construction of Compressed Bio-Gas Plant Production Unit.** The details are given below:

Name of the Project	Construction of Compressed Bio-Gas Plant Production Unit.			
Name of the Agency	The Chief Manager (Maintenance-Civil), GAIL (India) Limited, Bengaluru.			
Purpose for removal of trees	The trees are standing inside Survey Numbers 39, 40 & 46 of Haralagunte Village. Begur Hobli. Bengaluru South Taluk. Bengaluru within the proposed project area for Construction of Compressed Bio-Gas Plant Production Unit.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS readings	**Boundary**	**Latitude (N)**	**Latitude (E)**	**Location**
	1.	12°53'45.00"	77°38'43.50"	Survey Numbers 39, 40 & 46 of Haralagunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. Bengaluru.
	2.	12°53'49.70"	77°38'43.90"	
	3.	12°53'45.30"	77°38'50.30"	
	4.	12°53'44.50"	77°38'53.60"	
	5.	12°53'50.20"	77°38'54.70"	
	6.	12°53'50.60"	77°38'58.00"	
	7.	12°53'41.60"	77°38'57.70"	
	8.	12°53'42.40"	77°38'51.30"	
	9.	12°53'44.70"	77°38'48.80"	
Enumeration of trees ● Total number of trees standing in the Project area	**648 Nos. (Annexure-1)**	Description of trees species, location, area, etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP (Now GBA) for information to all. **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
Mode of Communication of comments *(Public can send their comments either by E-mail/Post/Hand)*	**Address: (a)** The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, GBA, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. **E-mail: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com, (b)** The Chief Manager (Maintenance-Civil), GAIL (India) Limited, Bengaluru, **E-mail: chandangupta@gail.co.in*** * A copy of the comments communicated directly to the Chief Manager (Maintenance-Civil), GAIL (India) Limited, Bengaluru should also be marked to the Tree-Officer/DCF, GBA.			
Deadline for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in Newspapers ***Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the proejct.**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

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Government of Karnataka
National Health Mission
Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society

1st Floor, Aarogya Soudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru – 560023. Ph : 080-23113588

No. NHM/SPMU/IMM/Recruitment-Notification/2026-27[E-1499338] Date:02/04/2026

Walk -In- Interview for various posts under NHM

The Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society invites eligible candidates for Walk-In-Interview for the various vacant posts under National Health Mission. The posts are temporary and purely on contract basis. For detailed information login to **www.hfwcom.karnataka.gov.in** & **nhm.karnataka.gov.in** address.

Walk-In-Interview has been scheduled on **13/04/2026 @ 11.00 AM**, In the office of Chief Administrative Officer, National Health Mission, 1st Floor West wing, Arogya Soudha, Magadi Road, 1st Cross, Bengaluru 560023.

Sl. No	Programme Name	Name of the Post	Number of Posts	Reservation Category
1	Immunization [IMM]	Vaccine Cold Chain Manager	32 POSTS [1 POST PER DISTRICT]	UR
2	National Urban Health Mission [NUHM]	NUHM Consultant	01	UR
3	RCH	Programme Assistant	02	SC-Cat(A)-Others GM - PWD

* Candidates will not be allowed after scheduled time.

Sd/-
Mission Director, National Health Mission

DIPR/CP/44/Zen/2026-27

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP)
ISRO-TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC)

Plot No.12 &13, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-58.
Fax: 080-28094180. Ph: 080-28094178, 4541

CORRIGENDUM-I Dated: 02.04.2026

On behalf of President of India, **item rate E-Tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for following work.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/MECH/CON/E-TN-119/ 2025-2026 Dated: 13.03.2026**
Name of work	**Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01 no Passenger Lift and CAMC of lift for 10 years at CISF Barrack, DOS ISRO Housing Colony Jalahalli, Bengaluru**
Estimated Cost put to Tender	**Rs. 25.03 Lakhs for Part (a) Rs. 24.32 Lakhs for Part (b)**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of Completion	**03 Months for Part (a) 10 Years for Part (b) post Completion of 1 year warranty period**
Period during which the tender documents can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 14.03.2026 to 28.03.2026 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 11.04.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Bid clarifications	From 11.00 hrs. on 15.03.2026 to 29.03.2026 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 12.04.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	30.03.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 13.04.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	01.04.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 15.04.2026 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	02.04.2026 after 11.00 hrs. **Extended up to 16.04.2026 after 11.00 hrs.**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 50,056.00**

For eligiblity criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and the tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ – ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ./74/05/2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02–04–2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯು 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ
01	DMA/2026-27/IND6153	79,53,600.00	1,59,072.00	13–04–2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆ	15–04–2026 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಘಂಟೆ
02	DMA/2025-26/IND5857	99,60,000.00	1,99,200.00		
03	DMA/2026-27/SE7638	49,84,320.00	99,686.00		
04	DMA/2026-27/SE7639	49,38,300.00	98,766.00		

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03–04–2026 ರಿಂದ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಗೆ ಲಾಗಿನ್ ಆಗಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಳ ಸಹಿದಾರರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸದ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪರಿಸರ),
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಧಾರವಾಡ/11/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2026–27

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO E-07/2026
THE FOLLOWING E-TENDERS/ CORRIGENDA ARE PUBLISHED IN IREPS WEBSITE. FIRMS ARE REQUESTED TO LOGIN TO http://www.ireps.gov.in-login>e.tender-goods & services (new) AND QUOTE AGAINST THESE TENDERS. MANUAL QUOTATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED FOR THESE TENDERS. CLOSING TIME FOR ALL TENDERS 14:30 HOURS.

SL.NO.	TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	QUANTITY
1.	52265110A	BALANCED DRAFT GEAR ASSEMBLY	15/04/2026	35 NOS
2.	29260001	KIT OVERHAULING PISTON VALVE	15/04/2026	212 SETS
3.	21250766	OVERHAULING KIT FOR LEVELING VALVE	16/04/2026	2128 SETS
4.	04261167	C3W Distributor Valve for LHB	20/04/2026	79 NOS
5.	02265041	HUMAN R-DNA INSULIN	21/04/2026	5 ITEMS
6.	96255870C-GLOBAL	ANAESTHESIA WORKSTATION	21/04/2026	1 NO
7.	11261097	VALVE REGULATED LEAD ACID (VRLA) BATTERIES 120 AH	22/04/2026	52 SETS
8.	15251002A	CABLE PVC INSULATED OF SIZE 19 C X 1.5 SQMM	22/04/2026	33.26 KM
9.	29262862	COMPOSITION BRAKE BLOCKS	22/04/2026	6559 NOS
10.	02265045	VILDAGLIPTIN, VOGLIBOSE TAB	23/04/2026	6 ITEMS
11.	29253470	CABLE, 125/24 AWG3	24/04/2026	17940 MTRS
12.	44261446	FLAP DOOR ARRANGEMENT	24/04/2026	1823 NOS
13.	02265058-GLOBAL	NIVOLUMAB INJ 40MG VIAL & 100MG VIAL	24/04/2026	2 ITEMS
14.	52256960A	SUPPLY AND FITMENT OF UPHOLSTERY FABRIC FOR SEAT	24/04/2026	1.5 NOS
15.	21250763	18 MONTHS OH KIT FOR MAIN COMPRESSOR	27/04/2026	102 SETS
16.	02265046	METFORMIN	27/04/2026	2 ITEMS
17.	29252963A	SUPPLY OF RELAY, GENERAL PURPOSE	27/04/2026	1313 NOS
18.	04263500	KNUCKLE FOR CBC OF LHB COACHES	27/04/2026	699 NOS
19.	04263429	AIR SPRING ASSEMBLY	27/04/2026	114 NOS
20.	02265051-GLOBAL	SRPHC82172105-OSIMERTINIB 80 MG TAB	27/04/2026	1580 NOS
21.	68265185	PCC3.3CARD CONTROLLER TO CUMMINS	27/04/2026	20 NOS
22.	29262938	CONTROLLER ASSEMBLY, DYNAMIC BRAKE	28/04/2026	108 NOS
23.	15254371	LEAD ACID STATIONARY SECONDARY CELLS 2V/80AH	28/04/2026	5191 NOS
24.	29252965A	SUPPLY OF RELAY, GENERAL PURPOSE	28/04/2026	583 NOS
25.	02265061-GLOBAL	INSULIN LISPRO	29/04/2026	3 ITEMS
26.	52265496	FRAME STRUCTURE ASSEMBLY FOR OIL FIRING X CLASS LOCOS	29/04/2026	4 NOS
27.	02265066-GLOBAL	SEMAGLUTIDE TAB	30/04/2026	3 ITEMS
28.	02265047	SRPHC82002070-HUMAN ALBUMIN 20% 100 ML INJECTION	30/04/2026	1459 NOS
29.	29263268	BEARING ASSEMBLY, ROLLER	04/05/2026	180 NOS
30.	06265018	HYDRAULIC OIL HLP-68N	07/05/2026	97440 LTRS

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIAL MANAGER

Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals

Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals invites applications for one post of Joint Industrial Adviser in Level-12 of the pay matrix (Rs.78,800-2,09,200), by composite method (including short-term contract plus promotion).

Detailed advertisement is given on the website www.chemicals.gov.in/recruitments. Interested candidates may send their application in the prescribed format through proper channel within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News to the following address:

Deputy Secretary (Admin),
Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
Room No. 231-A, Shastri Bhawan,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi 110001

CBC 02101/11/0001/2627

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

E-Open Tender Notice No:-S/RWP/E/2025-26/26 dated: 31.03.2026. Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India invites online "e-Open Tender"**, through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website **www.ireps.gov.in,** for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **(1) Tender No.:** 01251101A, **Short Description of item:** Liquid Petroleum Gas Bulk (In Tank) to IS: 4576-1978, **Quantity:** 6000 MT, **Date of Tender Closing/Opening:** 15.04.2026 at 14:00 Hrs. 1. Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in**. 2. The prospective firms/ bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

For PCMM/RWP/Bela

RWP/CPRO/ADVT/2026-27/01

'RAJENDRA SINHJI ARMY OFFICERS' INSTITUTE

(HQ K & K Sub Area Officers Mess Annexe)
50 MG Road, Bangalore - 560 001

JOB VACANCY

1. Applications are invited for the post of **SECRETARY, RSAOI, Bangalore** on contractual basis
2. Interested candidates (Retd Army Officers) of the rank of Col/Lt Col may apply with Bio-data, Record of Service to **Vice Chairman, RSAOI, HQ K&K Sub Area, Bangalore-560001'** or through email to vicechairman@rsaoibangalore.in on or before **16 Apr 2026** Required QR available at **https://rsaoibangalore.in/download.**

VEERASHAIVA SAHAKARI BANK LTD,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout,Vijayanagar,
Bangalore – 560 040 Phone: 23358017/23307070
FAX: 23148550, E -Mail: vsbbengaluru@gmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd., Administrative Office, No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **02.01.2026** calling upon the **Borrower: K K Apparels, Prop: Smt Komala Kiran,** No.97, Siddabasappa Building 1st Floor, Sri Nandi Nagara, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of being Loan Account No **SSILN / 19 Rs.64,93,593/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Three Only) Within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice towards the loans facilities availed from our **T Dasarahalli Branch.**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **30th Day of March 2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd., No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040** for an amount of the **loan SSILN /19 Principal Balance Rs.2,40,80,825/-** (Rupees Two Crore Forty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five Only) **and Rs.26,00,446/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Four Hundred and Forty Six Only) towards interest over due and other charges as on 26-03-2026. Further interest & other charges as applicable thereon till the realization of bank dues.

Description of the immovable property

All that part and parcel of the Property bearing No.356/1/No.3A/3B/3C, Assesment No.97, Katha No.567/1, Sy No.97, Chikkabanavara Village, Ist Cross Road, Nandinagar, Hesaragatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560090. Measuring: Property Totally measuring Item No.3A - 4690 Sq ft, Item No.3B - 2635 Sq ft, Item No.3C - 1439 Sq ft Total 8764 sq ft bounded on the following boundaries: East by : Kempapura Road, West by : Hesaragatta Main Road, North by : Sy No.103 South by : Sy No.97 Nagaraj.S.Property

Date : 30.03.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank ltd

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC &APCC)/EE-Proc/AEE-1/2026-27/006-024 Date: 02.04.2026

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites Bids **(on percentage rate basis)** on electronic mode for the following works in a **Combined Package** against following Enquiry Number:

Enquiry number & Name of the Work
Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3565.**
Combined Package for, **Work-A:** Providing additional 1x20MVA, 110/33-11kV Power Transformer at 110/33/11kV **Korwar Temple sub-station** in Kalaburagi Taluk and District. **Work-B:** Providing additional 1x20MVA, 110/33-11kV Power Transformer at 110/11kV **Mahagaon sub-station** in Kamalapur Taluk, Kalaburagi District. **Work-C:** Providing Spare 1x20MVA, 110/33-11kV Power Transformer at existing 110/33/11kV **Koppal sub-station** in Koppal Taluk, Koppal District. **Work-D:** Providing additional 1x20MVA, 110/33-11kV Power Transformer at 110/33/11kV **Siruguppa sub-station** in Siruguppa Taluk, Ballari District. **on Partial Turnkey Basis,** including Supply of all Materials/Equipments(Excluding supply of 11kV Switchgear) and Erection (including Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 07.04.2026 @ 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **08.05.2026 @ 15:00hrs.** Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief General Manager(Tech).,
KPTCL, Corporate Office, 11th Floor, Indhana Bhavan,
A.R. Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Government of Jharkhand Rural Works Department
JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)
3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement)
Re-eTender No.- 01/ 2026-27Ranchi, Dated: 02.04.2026 PR No- 363880 dated 11.10.2025

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State /Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the works (List of schemes shall be displayed in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna PM-JANMAN (Batch-1, 2025-26).

Sr. No	District Name	Block Name	Tendering Package	Road Name / Bridge Name	Road Length (Kms)	Sanction Construction Cost (in lakhs)	Sanction Maintenace Cost	Total Sanction Cost with Maint. (in lakhs)	Total Package Cost (in lakhs)	Earnest Money (In Lakh)	Time of Completion (in month)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Godda	Boarijore	JH-09-PMJANMAN-GOD-03 (2025-26) (4th Call)	L030-PMGSY Road Pandit more to Katal pahar	1.800	160.15	16.66	176.81	945.67	18.92	15
	Godda	Boarijore		L031-Rohari REO Road to Kesgoria	3.500	309.20	30.41	339.61			
	Godda	Boarijore		L034-Mahuabathan to Gopali via Chhota Dumarhir	4.500	391.84	37.41	429.25			
2	Godda	Boarijore	JH-09-PMJANMAN-GOD-04 (2025-26) (2nd Call)	L024-PMGSY Road to (Chata) ullo) to Baridih	3.600	284.58	28.49	313.07	994.60	19.89	15
	Godda	Boarijore		L026-PWD Goriya Road to Chiharbona	2.800	230.60	20.96	251.56			
	Godda	Boarijore		L035-Badatotha to PWD Tatkunda Road	4.900	390.84	39.13	429.97			
		Total			**21.1**	**1767.21**	**173.06**	**1940.27**	**1940.27**		

The bid should be submitted online in the website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in**. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.

Details of bid submission is as under:

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender (on-line) for bidding		Last date & time of seeking clarification	Last date and time of bid submission	Date & time of opening of tender (on-line)	
		From	To			Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
Engineer in Chief, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Engineer in Chief JSRRDA, Ranchi	**07.04.2026 at 10.00 AM**	**20.04.2026 upto 5.00 PM**	**13.04.2026 upto 2.00 PM**	**20.04.2026 upto 5.00 PM**	**20.04.2026 at 0530 PM**	To be informed later

** Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authority before signing the contract.*

*** Cost may change.*

Note :-

1. Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be deposited **online** in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d).
3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
4. Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD or any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in the above bids.
6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/ maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
7. In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.
8. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at **jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in** Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.
9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.
10. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must be acceptable to bidders.
11. For unbalanced bids, extra security will be required to be deposited by the bidder at the time of Agreement.
12. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the tender at any stage without giving prior notice/reason.

All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in** as per schedule mentioned above.

Engineer-in- Chief
Rural Works Department- Cum- JSRRDA, Ranchi

PR 376579 Rural Work Department(26-27)D

CORRIGENDUM NO. 01

Tender No.: H-PC-LAB-02-2025-26-RT; date: 26-03-2026

Name of Work: Selection of the Service Provider for establishment, operation and maintenance of diagnostic laboratories to provide diagnostic services at the designated healthcare facilities of Northeast Frontier Railway based on Central Reference Laboratory, Hub & Spoke Model integrated through Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

Items Modified
NIT Header

Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Tender Closing Date time	20/04/2026 17:00	28/04/2026 17:00
Bidding Start Date	06/04/2026	14/04/2026
Pre-Bid Query Date Time	02/04/2026 11:00	10/04/2026 11:00

All other terms and conditions of above tender will remain unchanged.

Medical Director, Central Hospital, Maligaon

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
"SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE"

DECCAN HERALD
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Beyond Naxalism: A chance for lasting peace

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's declaration in Parliament that India is now Naxal-free – a day ahead of the March 31 deadline set for eradicating the insurgency threat – is true to a large extent. The Naxalite movement held sway over more than 200 districts spread across states, including Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Bihar. Shah said the Red Corridor has been reduced to two districts. It is claimed that 20 of the top 21 leaders in the Naxalite hierarchy have been neutralised – 12 killed, seven surrendered, and one arrested. The ranks have also dwindled after consistent pressure exerted by the security forces. No major Naxalite action has been reported in the last few months.

Naxalism is no longer the political or security threat it once was in the country. The fall can be traced to multiple reasons. Poverty and unequal social and economic conditions in the forested regions of central and eastern India are not as extreme as they were a few decades ago. The State's welfare schemes have covered large sections of the marginalised population. Most areas in the Red Corridor have seen improved infrastructure, including roads and communication channels. This shift has helped the region make important socio-economic connections. It has also helped security forces operate more efficiently in the affected areas. Naxalites may no longer exist as an organised insurgent force. But it may be too early to declare that the movement has been vanquished. Land alienation, exploitation, and governance gaps remain India's realities. As long as the circumstances that led to the rise of Naxalism exist in some form, the ideology will retain a marginal presence.

The strategic success should be leveraged to address persisting inequalities and governance issues

The Home Minister also used the declaration to politically attack the opposition Congress party, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi. The charge that Congress governments encouraged Naxalism is unfounded. In 2006, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described Maoist violence as India's single biggest internal security threat. Successive governments have fought Naxalism as an ideology and practice. The current dispensation has achieved a military and strategic victory through means that have, at times, been questioned. The next challenge is to consolidate this success by making development real and inclusive for the region's people, enabling them to realise their civil and democratic rights. That would be the most formidable measure against the movement's resurgence.

Promised road takes a reality turn

After languishing in bureaucratic limbo for nearly two decades, Bengaluru's long-delayed Peripheral Ring Road – now rebranded as the Bengaluru Business Corridor – has begun to move. The calling of global tenders for the first phase marks a significant inflection point in one of the city's most critical infrastructure projects. Envisaged as a 74-km arterial link connecting Tumakuru Road, Ballari Road, Old Madras Road, and Hosur Road, it is designed to divert freight and inter-city traffic away from the already overburdened Outer Ring Road and the city's congested core. Crucially, it will also complete the half-arc left unfinished by the NICE Road. If executed as planned, the project could reshape mobility in Bengaluru, easing travel times, improving logistics efficiency, and unlocking new economic zones in the northern and eastern peripheries – areas that are rapidly emerging as technology and industrial hubs. Equally significant is the manner in which the project has been revived. The decision to split the corridor into packages and to proceed with tendering where land acquisition has substantially progressed reflects a pragmatic shift from earlier, rigid approaches that stalled progress. The first package, covering nearly 20 km between Madavara and Ballari Road, is a case in point. With over 80% of the land already secured, it offers a realistic starting point. Political will has clearly played a role in this momentum. While credit is due to Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, the project's Chairman L K Atheeq injected urgency into a long-stalled process.

Bengaluru's new corridor is ticking the right boxes. Can it match intent with strong, timely execution?

Bengaluru's infrastructure history is littered with cautionary tales, none more instructive than the protracted saga of the NICE Road project, which remains incomplete decades after its inception. The lessons are clear: delays in land acquisition, opaque contracting, and prolonged litigation can derail even the most well-intentioned initiatives. To avoid a similar fate, the execution of the Bengaluru Business Corridor must adhere strictly to the Karnataka Public Procurement Act. Transparency in tendering, clarity in contractual obligations, and fairness in land acquisition are not merely procedural requirements – they are safeguards against future legal challenges. At the same time, environmental guardrails must not be treated as an afterthought, given that sections of the alignment pass near ecologically sensitive zones. The generous compensation packages are a step in the right direction, but they must be implemented consistently and without arbitrariness.

The success of this project will not be measured by tenders floated or announcements made, but by timely and credible execution. Bengaluru cannot afford another infrastructure promise that remains perpetually under construction.

EXIT WOUNDS

Retreat at risk: Limits of the US's Iran strategy

Trump is left with two options: leave the war and cede influence, or escalate and face the economic fallout

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President Donald Trump's address from the White House yesterday was a calibrated exercise in domestic reassurance. It was a "mission accomplished" narrative, laying the groundwork for a unilateral exit even without a formal agreement — a narrative he had already signalled on March 31. At that time, as Brent crude prices surged past $118 per barrel, his statement that the US would end its military operations within "two or three weeks," regardless of whether a deal was reached, triggered an immediate correction. Oil prices dropped by $16, settling around $102.

However, the effect was significantly weaker than a similar intervention earlier in the conflict. On the tenth day of the war, Trump had declared that the conflict would end "very soon," a message that carried greater credibility at that early stage. That statement drove prices down sharply, from approximately $119 to $90 per barrel. The contrast between the two episodes reveals an important shift. Markets initially willing to accept presidential assurances had begun to discount them as the conflict dragged on. In the aftermath of his speech yesterday, oil prices climbed by an additional $2.

For Trump, oil prices are deeply political. Rising crude prices translate directly into higher gasoline costs in the US, fuelling inflation and voter dissatisfaction. With the November midterm elections just seven months away, gasoline prices breaching the $4-per gallon mark represent a serious political liability. The administration's efforts to stabilise markets — ranging from waivers on oil sales by Russia and Iran to releases from strategic reserves — have failed to produce lasting relief. The core issue of Iran's effective blockade of the Strait of Hormuz remains unresolved.

Domestically, the political warning signs are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore. In recent weeks, Democrats have flipped key seats in Florida, including a State House seat in Trump's own Mar-a-Lago district. Additionally, Republicans lost a Florida Senate seat that had been secured earlier by a margin of 17 percentage points. These developments suggest a shift in voter sentiment that could have broader implications for the upcoming midterm elections. Furthermore, Trump's net approval rating has fallen significantly. This erosion of public support further constrains the President's options.

Against this backdrop, can Trump realistically terminate the US operations within the two- to three-week timeframe he has announced? In the early stages of the war, such a move would have been far easier to justify. At that time, the US administration could plausibly have declared victory, citing the decapitation of Iran's political and military leadership and the near-total destruction of its missile and nuclear capabilities.

Even now, Trump retains the option

of declaring victory and withdrawing, effectively shifting responsibility onto other nations dependent on energy flows through the Strait of Hormuz. However, such a move would not necessarily bring immediate stability. Even if the US were to cease operations and persuade Israel to follow suit, Iran is unlikely to alter its course immediately. It would likely continue targeting US-linked assets in the Gulf for some time.

However, Iran's capacity to sustain such actions indefinitely is limited. Significant international pressure from China and Europe would likely compel Tehran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz eventually. Nevertheless, this would leave Iran with enduring leverage over one of the world's most critical maritime chokepoints. Gulf countries, in turn, would be forced to negotiate some form of *modus vivendi* with Iran to ensure the continued flow of oil and other essential commodities. Such an outcome would weaken the position of the US as a reliable partner in the region.

Alternate scenarios

Despite setting a new deadline of April 4, Trump appears unlikely to escalate further by targeting Iran's power utilities or energy infrastructure, notwithstanding his renewed threats to do so in his address yesterday. Such an escalation would risk severe retaliation against desalination plants and critical infrastructure in Gulf states, an outcome that would be catastrophic not only regionally but globally, especially for South Asian populations heavily represented in these countries.

Military options, such as occupying Kharg Island, through which over 90% of Iran's oil exports flow, or seizing disputed islands at the mouth of the Strait of Hormuz, carry even greater risks. These actions would be highly escalatory and could entangle the US in another prolonged and costly conflict. Historical precedents in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam serve as cautionary examples of such entanglements. Trump would also be acutely aware of the far-reaching repercussions of the failed 1980 hostage rescue mission in Tehran under President Jimmy Carter.

Diplomatic efforts have thus far yielded little progress. Recent meetings involving the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Turkey in Islamabad, followed by discussions between Pakistan and China, have failed to produce a breakthrough. The 15-point US proposal, transmitted via Islamabad, has been perceived by Iran as a demand for surrender, while Iran's own five-point counterproposal remains unacceptable to Washington.

With meaningful concessions from either side absent, the diplomatic stalemate is likely to persist. If the US withdraws without a deal, alternative diplomatic arrangements may emerge. China, Russia, and the four countries that met in Islamabad, along with other Muslim countries, could potentially offer security assurances to Iran in exchange for reopening the Strait of Hormuz. However, such a development would mark a significant shift in the regional balance of power, potentially diminishing US influence.

The conflict reveals a growing disconnect between political messaging and strategic reality. A premature withdrawal may enable Washington to claim victory, but it risks ceding strategic space in the Gulf and allowing Iran to retain leverage over the Strait of Hormuz. Conversely, escalation carries prohibitive economic and geopolitical costs. With diplomatic options stalled, the US appears caught between unattractive choices. The likely outcome is not a decisive victory, but an uneasy equilibrium.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

From *lal dhol* to locked screens

A postman carried not just letters, but the pulse of an entire village

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A postman was once an indispensable part of society. He was considered an important member of one's family. In my childhood, I remember how we would celebrate his arrival in our village. He generally came once a week because he served many villages. His responsibility was not limited to delivering letters and collecting those dropped in the letterbox, *lal dhol* (red drum), he also had to read letters. He knew the relatives of almost all the villagers and would show concern for a family's welfare if no letter had arrived from a particular relative. He even suggested matrimonial alliances among villagers' kith and kin. In those days, we usually wrote postcards, and there was little privacy. Whoever received a postcard would read and share its contents with the addressees. People in our village often complained to the postman if they had not received letters from their relatives for a long time, as if he were responsible for it.

Our school was on the outskirts of the village, and there was no boundary wall. Whenever the postman came near, we gathered around him and chanted: "A postman is a busy man/ Collecting letters in his van/ To catch the evening mail, he goes to GPO." He used to enjoy it. Children would ask for letters addressed to their homes. The postman was so familiar with every child that he often handed over letters for an entire street to one of us and asked us to deliver them. Perhaps he would otherwise be asked not only to read the letters but also to help the recipients write replies.

It was generally believed that the postman knew all the senders of letters and the contents of the letters. One day, after delivering letters in our neighbourhood, he came to our house, and my grandfather offered him buttermilk. He sat in the shade of a tree, relishing the drink. At that moment, a lady came in haste and asked him about the sender and the contents of a letter he had just delivered to her house. He was surprised and somewhat annoyed at her inquisitiveness. Sensing his discomfort, she explained that her goat had chewed up the letter he had delivered minutes earlier. It was impossible for her to know who had written it or what it contained. That was why she had come running after him. He laughed at her innocence and assured her that he would take care of it in future.

Nowadays, everyone has a personal email address. Mobile phones are locked. Life has become confined to the self. The innocence of that harmonious society has been lost, replaced by the constant presence of electronic gadgets in our hands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lifetime tax on EVs is a step back on climate action

I refer to 'Karnataka to levy lifetime tax on electric cars, withdraw exemptions' (Apr 2). The move by the state government to impose lifetime tax on electric cars marks a regressive departure from progressive environmental policy. Tax exemptions were originally designed to incentivise the adoption of EVs, crucial for mitigating air pollution and addressing climate change. At a time when global energy markets are volatile and crude oil prices remain elevated, discouraging electric mobility undermines efforts to reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels. Such a policy risks slowing the transition to cleaner transportation, placing both environmental sustainability and economic prudence at odds. Instead of accelerating green adoption, the tax could deter consumers, affecting climate commitments in a fragile global scenario.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Find alternatives

Apropos 'Bengaluru: LPG prices soar, pumps shut, and wait for your auto may get longer' (Apr 1), the precipitous rise in LPG prices and attendant fuel pump closures in Bengaluru is deeply concerning. These exigencies are undermining urban transportation: auto-rickshaw operators contend with refill costs surpassing Rs 1,200 amid severe shortages; escalating fares are impeding commutes for millions. Underlying deficiencies—volatility in global crude markets, deficient stockpiling, and regulatory shortcomings—disproportionately burden daily wage earners. Over the longer term, the government must foster adoption of CNG and electric alternatives. Bengaluru's economic stability demands such prompt measures to reinstate order and secure livelihoods.

Shreya S Santosh, Bengaluru

Controlling identities?

The amended transgender Bill risks controlling identity rather than protecting rights. By limiting self-identification, the government is sending a regressive message, undermining the progressive steps taken by the Supreme Court. True equality lies in empowering individuals to define themselves, not in narrowing identities through law.

Vasuneetha B Shekar, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

Your (Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan) time is over. Your expiry date is over. You don't have any time to continue. Now, the UDF's time has come...

Revanth Reddy, Telangana CM
(at a roadshow in Kerala)

All politics is but a theatre/ And all politicians merely actors; They read their lines and play their fleeting parts/ In pageants we the people judge by vote.

Ian Doescher

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

Rewriting inclusion on campus

Beyond student rights, the VBSA Bill must enforce institutional obligations and enable a cultural shift

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The Supreme Court of India stayed the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026 and breathed life into the repealed 2012 Regulations. The 2012 Regulations, which will remain in operation until further notice, contain statutory directives for inclusion in higher education. They neither penalise the government and the educational institutions for failing to fulfil these requirements nor do they generate rights for the students.

In this context, priming the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan (VBSA) Bill, 2025, to enhance inclusion in higher education seems like a long-term solution. Currently, a 31-member Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is reviewing the Bill. The VBSA Bill aims to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act to revamp the higher education sector in the country. After its review, the JPC may suggest changes for the government to introduce to the Bill, and subsequently, it may be placed in Parliament for a debate.

Caste-based discrimination and mental health issues disproportionately affect students from equity-deserving caste groups in higher education. To prevent these from occurring, what changes should the JPC suggest to the government?

In *Sukdeb Saha v. State of Andhra Pradesh* (2025), the Supreme Court observed that the right to mental health flows from the right to life. But a rights-based approach alone cannot address mental health issues faced by students from vulnerable caste groups. Rights, by nature, are confrontational. If students must confront violators to secure their right to mental health, any regulatory bill has already failed. What the students need is a change in the staff members' attitudes and values.

The Supreme Court of India in *Amit Kumar v. Union of India* (2025) established a National Task Force headed by Justice Ravindra Bhat to identify the causes of student suicides in higher education, analyse the existing laws and policies, and recommend measures to improve the legal and institutional framework. That was a laudable step. But judicial orders, observations, and recommendations of a task force would not guarantee their implementation.

Unless the VBSA Bill establishes encouraging inclusion in higher education for students from equity-deserving caste groups as a positive obligation, judicial directives will remain on the books, undermining the rule of law and constitutionalism. In 2016, Vicki Jackson persuasively wrote, "this threat to constitutionalism can arguably be mitigated through the form of social welfare provisions that delink government duties from justiciable individual rights."

For inclusion to thrive in India's higher education institutions, judicial declarations need to be combined with adding non-rights-generating legislative measures and implementational priority by the executive, once and if the Bill is enforced.

The moral leadership mandate

We need legislative action to strengthen the VBSA Bill's mandate of moral leadership. Clause 4(c) of the Bill aims to provide the educational system with 'intellectual and moral leadership'. Inclusion is, essentially, a moral obligation. Not all of its aspects fit the rights-obligations dichotomy. Discriminatory behaviour by staff members and its negative effect can be subtle. For example, the selection of one student over another for a cultural event or a mentorship might depend on the students' caste. Such conduct does not constitute a legal wrong under existing law.

Inclusion cannot flourish unless attitudinal and valuational changes are formally adopted by educational institutions and their staff members, and are reiterated to gradually embed them within the institutional culture.

The VBSA Bill is an opportunity to turn moral obligations into positive interventions. It must clearly provide that the Regulatory Commission (i.e, the primary regulatory commission that will replace the UGC through the Bill) and the Regulatory Council (i.e, one of the three councils that the Bill proposes to establish) are obligated to immediately formalise the adoption of inclusion-encouraging attitudes and values in higher education for all students, particularly the ones from equity-deserving groups based on caste, gender, sex, religion, disability status, and so on, to promote their learning and employment outcomes. The provision would connect attitudes and values with the intrinsic and instrumental aims of higher education.

This should be added as a mandatory, broad obligation in the Bill. The provision should also specify learning and employment as its intended outcomes. A more detailed mandate should be created and executed through subordinate legislation (which may or may not include penalties and even rights). A focused, systemic endorsement of inclusion must be integral to the moral leadership mandate. This structural shift would promote constitutionalism and the rule of law.

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Circular economy: Belém opened the door, but action must follow

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When the world gathered in Belém, Brazil, for COP30 in November 2025, expectations were unusually high. Having fallen short in previous years, there was hope that this Amazon-hosted summit would provide the transformative push needed for systemic solutions—particularly in sectors at the crossroads of climate mitigation and adaptation, livelihoods, and sustainable development. Among these, the recycling and waste-management sector, with a potential to reduce approximately 20.4 Gt of CO_2 annually, stood out as a critical but under-recognised pillar of climate action.

Unlike previous COPs, Belém formally hosted a dedicated "Circular Economy Day" on November 11, 2025–the first time the circular economy received a full-day spotlight at a COP. This formed part of the official thematic programme of COP30, elevating the issue beyond side events to a core agenda item. Even though COP30 did not include a dedicated section on waste management or recycling in its final decision texts, the sector was referenced indirectly within three major strategic elements of the COP30 outcome package.

Why recycling is central to climate action

Global material consumption has tripled since 1970 and may double again by 2060 (OECD), driving resource extraction, pollution, and emissions. Around 45% of global emissions linked to material production and disposal (UNEP) can be reduced directly by recycling and circular economy approaches.

Landfill methane—which contributes about 20% of global methane emissions—can be curbed through proper source segregation and diversion of waste. Emissions avoided through reduced extraction impacts on forests, water, and biodiversity are well documented. Recycling also offers significant gains: aluminium (up to 95% CO2 reduction), steel (60–74% reduction), and plastics (30–80% energy savings). The sector employs over 20 million people globally, with women and informal workers forming the backbone of collection and sorting systems. Despite its climate relevance, recycling remained peripheral at COP30. Yet this should not be seen as a failure. Instead, it opened a window for governments, industries, civil society, and climate negotiators to bring recycling into mainstream climate policy.

India's strategic opportunity

India, with its vast material demand and deep informal recycling network, can convert COP30 signals into national leadership while advancing implementation of its nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

It can unlock adaptation, nature, and just-transition finance by positioning recycling as core climate infrastructure. Climate resilience depends on effective waste systems: plastic-clogged drains worsen floods, disasters generate large waste volumes, heat stress increases landfill fires, and climate migration raises waste loads. Recycling must therefore be integrated into climate finance through adaptation funds, just-transition mechanisms, green bonds, and carbon markets.

Key actions include embedding circular economy targets in India's NDCs (2026–2030), including recycled-content mandates, landfill methane reduction, and circular public procurement; formalising over two million waste workers through just-transition finance while supporting women-led units; strengthening South–South cooperation on recycling technologies and carbon markets; positioning India as a Global South circular hub with partners such as Brazil; and leveraging corporate climate action to expand Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), green procurement, and demand for recycled materials across sectors.

For India—home to one of the world's largest informal recycling networks—COP30 presents a strategic window to strengthen domestic systems and turn recycling into a key driver of ambitious climate action.

COP30 was not the breakthrough the recycling sector hoped for in terms of ambitious targets, dedicated waste agreements or major declarations that elevated recycling to the level of energy or forest priorities. But policy windows do not always appear as revolutions—they often emerge as a series of enablers, each of which can be shaped and steered into a transformation.

COP30 delivered such enablers as expanded climate finance, just-transition mechanisms, resource conservation frameworks, integration of circular economy into global trade and carbon markets and renewed political momentum for holistic solutions.

If leveraged by stakeholders such as MRAI, BIR, ISRI, governments, and industry, COP30 could be remembered not for immediate outcomes but for what it enabled.

In that sense, COP30 is not the game-changer—but it may be the moment the world began preparing for one. This momentum will be carried forward to future COPs.

Given its leadership and priority on climate adaptation, India has a unique and unprecedented opportunity to start mainstreaming waste management and circularity in its engagements as well as to encourage UNFCCC and COP processes to do so and illustrate how the goals of the Paris Agreement are unpacked and implemented.

History shows that breakthroughs often begin with enablers—not declarations.

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A UN rapporteur's indictment lays bare a system of torture, displacement and impunity. The report raises troubling questions on Israel's actions and global inaction

A brutal architecture of cruelty in Palestine

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The report of Francesca Albanese, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, tells one of the cruellest and most inhuman stories of our times. It should make the world ashamed that this is fact, not fiction, and feel guilty that it is being enacted in its midst. Cases of brutality perpetrated by individuals or groups are not uncommon. Rogue armies and other such organisations have also been known to commit such acts. But rarely in history has such organised and systematic violence been unleashed on a people by a State with impunity, as Israel has done in the occupied Palestinian territories. The UN Special Rapporteur provides a graphic description of the most inhuman tactics adopted by the Israeli establishment, including its defence and police forces, to oppress, torture and kill the Palestinians. The report is a severe indictment of the Israeli regime and its policies and actions directed against the entire population of the occupied Palestinian territories.

Sanaa Al-Safadi (L) mourns over the body of her son Abdul Rahman, 15, who was killed in overnight Israeli strikes, at the Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City in October 2025. FILE PHOTO/AFP

The revelations and observations are serious. Israel has made systematic use of torture involving custodial and non-custodial practices, which "meet the threshold for genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide". There is extensive documentation showing that torture has become integral to the policy and practice of domination and repression of the Palestinian population. The implementation of this policy is "through custodial abuse and a relentless campaign of forced displacement, mass killings, deprivation and the destruction of all means of life to inflict long-term collective pain and suffering". The report goes on to say that a continuous, territorially pervasive regime of psychological terror is being imposed—one designed to break bodies, deprive a people of dignity and force them from their land. This, it says, is not incidental violence but the architecture of settler colonialism, built on a foundation of dehumanisation and maintained through cruelty and collective torture. Palestinians are systematically denied dignity, treated as a "rightless" and "expendable" population, and reduced to objects to be controlled or eliminated.

These are strong words coming from a UN official. But various reports in the media and accounts from those with knowledge of the situation vouchsafe for the truth of Albanese's statements and conclusions. Although her mission was obstructed by the Israeli authorities, she gathered information from sources including 300 testimonies, remote consultations with torture survivors and inputs from others, including Israeli whistleblowers. The report is thorough and comprehensive, supported by references, other reports, media citations, photographs, testimonies and other evidence.

Albanese states that torture has been employed on a scale not seen before since October 2023 as a form of collective vengeance and destructive intent. Policies, carried out in the name of ensuring Israel's security, have normalised cruelty. Israeli President Isaac Herzog spoke of targeting Palestinians "as an entire nation out there". Palestinian detainees were labelled "terrorists", handcuffed in dark cells with iron beds and pit toilets, often in underground detention rooms. Torture is not limited to cells and interrogation rooms.

The report describes how Israeli soldiers have swept up entire communities, seizing even the elderly, people with disabilities, pregnant women and children. Specific groups have been targeted for detention and heightened abuse: activists, doctors, political persons, human rights activists and journalists. Sexual violence is an integral part of the policy. Women, children and men have all been subjected to it. Some of the descriptions evoke repulsion and horror.

Through mass displacement, siege, denial of aid and food, military and settler violence and pervasive surveillance and terror, the occupied Palestinian territory has become a space for collective punishment "where the destruction of conditions of life turns genocidal violence into a tool of collective torture with long-term mental and physical consequences". The homes of over a million people have been destroyed. Thousands of people have been killed, tortured and subjected to all kinds of abuse, and many have been subjected to permanent and life-altering injuries. The report states that genocidal violence functions as a form of collective torture against Palestinians as a group, aimed at breaking their will, stripping their autonomy and ultimately expelling them from their land. Laws have been altered to validate the repression. The State apparatus is most involved in these genocidal policies and actions. Violence has also spread beyond Gaza, with armed forces and violent settlers intensifying patterns of ethnic cleansing and apartheid in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Albanese warns that Israel is trying to create a new *nakba* (forced displacement).

Francesca Albanese is an international lawyer specialised in human rights. Since 2022, she has served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967. REUTERS

The report makes deeply disturbing reading. Jews, whose homeland is Israel, were themselves victims of one of history's worst genocides under Hitler's Germany. That experience ought to have ingrained in them a moral revulsion to such crimes. No other people in the world should be more repelled and sensitive to the horrors of genocide as the Israelis. But, disturbingly, such violence has become State policy in Israel. Is there a psychological lesson here? Do victims develop the oppressors' mindset?

The nature of genocide cannot be changed by calling it self-defence or a national security imperative. The killing of even a single person is wrong in a rule-bound society. Extermination of a people by the State using the most brutal and inhuman methods violates not only laws and norms of national and international conduct but savages the conscience of the world.

The report makes recommendations to Israel which include cessation of all acts of torture and ill treatment, dismantling of the apartheid regime in the occupied territory, full reparation and guarantees of non-repetition. It has recommended to the International Criminal Court to investigate the acts of genocide and torture and seek the arrest of the Chief of the General Staff of the Israeli military and other officials, some of whom it has named. The report has also told states and international institutions to recognise Israel as an apartheid state. It has also called for international sanctions and an arms embargo against Israel. The report has reminded the world that its obligation is immediate and delay would entrench a system of cruelty that international law and the United Nations are designed to prevent, stop and punish. But we know that Israel will not heed, and the world is unable to act.

The colonial British policy and the settler policies in the newly founded Israel were aimed at driving Palestinians from their land. Historical and other accounts and literature have recorded such violence. Even in a work of fiction sympathetic to the Jews' case, like Leon Uris' Exodus, such violence is stark. These policies are still in action to kill, maim and drive away Palestinians from their land and create a bigger Israel. The report considers the present genocide as part of a century-long project of eliminatory settler colonialism in Palestine. The Golan Heights and the buffer zone in Syria beyond the 1974 UN-mandated zone have been annexed. Israel has now announced that it wants to occupy a buffer zone in southern Lebanon. The genocide has a purpose, and that is a Greater Israel.

History has witnessed other genocides in the world—the Armenian genocide of 1914-1915 in the Ottoman Empire and the Rwandan genocide of 1994, among them—as well as mass atrocities such as the Nanjing massacre in 1937. The large-scale killing of Native Americans by European settlers provides another grim parallel to the Israeli actions in Palestine. These have been documented in history. The UN rapporteur's account documents another sordid chapter of killings, torture and dehumanisation of people amounting to a genocide. It is a voice of conscience. That such a tragedy continues to unfold before the eyes of the world, largely unchecked, is a failure not only of politics but of conscience.

In bearing witness to a terrible saga of cruelty, the Albanese report forces the world to confront an uncomfortable truth that even in a land sanctified by teachings of Biblical compassion and sacrifice, the language of power of the present leaders is drowning out the moral voice of history of the land.

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Design vs users: Who's to blame?

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On March 25, a Los Angeles jury handed down a significant verdict in favour of a young woman who sued Meta and YouTube. The jury found that the companies were negligent in the design of their platforms, knew their design was dangerous, failed to warn of those risks, and caused substantial harm to the plaintiff.

The verdict may mark an inflection point in design choices by technology platforms. For years, concerns around social media have focused on outcomes. Excessive screen time. Anxiety, especially among younger users. The sense of being unable to disengage. What this judgment does differently is shift the focus from outcomes to design.

The argument accepted by the jury is that aspects of the platforms were designed in ways that made that harm more likely. It moves the conversation from user behaviour to system design, and from individual responsibility to shared responsibility. Design choices are no longer being seen as neutral.

None of the individual features used by platforms is unusual on its own. In fact, many feel intuitive, even helpful. Endless scrolling removes the need to click through pages. You do not reach the end of a feed. Videos play automatically, so the experience feels seamless. Notifications bring you back to content you might otherwise miss. Algorithms tailor feeds to what holds your attention. With all this, disengaging takes conscious effort.

Each of these decisions can be justified independently. But taken together, they create a system with no natural stopping point. It is a system that is designed to sustain attention.

We tend to explain outcomes in terms of individual choices. People spend too much time online, get distracted, and lack discipline. That framing is not entirely wrong, but it is incomplete. Behaviour does not occur in isolation. It is shaped by the environment in which choices are made. And that environment, in many cases, is deliberately designed.

This is not unique to technology. In organisations, incentive structures influence behaviour more powerfully than stated values. In financial services, product design, and sales targets can drive outcomes that no one explicitly intended but are entirely predictable in hindsight. Leaders are often surprised by outcomes that are, in fact, embedded in the system they have built.

Social media platforms make this dynamic more visible, because the scale is so large, and the feedback loops are so immediate.

Behind every design choice sits a metric. Platforms optimise for time spent, engagement, and frequency of return. These are not unreasonable objectives for businesses built on advertising or content distribution. But metrics are not neutral. They shape decisions. If time spent is the goal, removing stopping cues becomes logical. If engagement is the goal, emotionally charged content will tend to surface more often. If the frequency of return matters, notifications will be calibrated to draw users back. Over time, these choices compound.

What begins as optimisation becomes a system that nudges behaviour in one direction. Less often do we examine how metrics shape the experience of those outside the organisation.

It would be easy to take a binary position. Either users are responsible for their own behaviour, or platforms are responsible for shaping that behaviour. The reality, however, is more complex.

Individuals have agency. People make choices about how they spend their time, and users are not passive. Awareness of platform dynamics has grown considerably. Screen time controls, opt-out options, and content filters are now standard features on most devices. We cannot dismiss that many people have indeed become more deliberate about how they engage.

At the same time, people are not making these choices in a neutral environment. The system is designed to influence behaviour. The more deliberate that design, the less we can attribute outcomes only to individual decisions. Product design and individual choices affect outcomes, and the recent judgment signals that the balance is being reconsidered.

It would be a mistake to see this as a debate limited to social media. Any system that operates at scale and shapes human behaviour raises similar questions. The answer has not been to abandon the system, but to build guardrails into it.

That is the work that remains to be done with technology. The benefits are real and, in many contexts—education, healthcare, financial inclusion—potentially transformative. But the rush to capture those benefits has often meant accepting the design choices of platforms largely on their terms. The more deeply technology is embedded in how people live and work, the more consequential its design choices become—and the less we can afford to treat them as someone else's problem.

(The writer headed Crisil and ONI)

OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: APRIL 1976

India and Turkey sign science co-operation pact

Ankara, April 2
India and Turkey today signed an agreement on co-operation in science and technology which was described as the "first concrete product" of External Affairs Minister Y. B. Chavan's visit to Turkey and the harbinger of many more agreements between the two countries. The signing ceremony took place in the Turkish Foreign Office before the two Foreign Ministers began their second and final round of talks. The agreement provides for exchange of scientists and technical information and documentation.

25 YEARS AGO: APRIL 2001

Minister confirms sale of baby girls

Gulbarga, April 2
Social Welfare Minister Kagodu Thimmappa today confirmed the sale of girl babies in the Tandas, under the Konchavaram police station limits of Chincholi taluk. Though the practice was prevalent in the village for a long time, neither the government officials nor elected representatives informed the government, the minister regretted. Speaking to reporters after visiting the Tandas in the Konchavaram Gram Panchayat limits, the minister said acute poverty and illiteracy were the major reasons for the prevalence of the practice.

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Faith beyond ritual

What is more significant – Christ's birth or his death and resurrection? The births and *jayantis* of venerated figures are happy occasions, and so birth anniversaries naturally receive prominence, as does Christmas. In contrast, out of the four biographical accounts of Christ in the Bible, only two cover His birth, whereas all four give considerable space to Christ's teaching about His eventual death at the hands of the priestly class. Multiple chapters recount the conversations and events in the week of His death, commemorated as Good Friday, and his resurrection two days later, celebrated as Easter.

Christ never spoke of his birth. Instead, he wished his death and resurrection to be remembered throughout the year. He instituted two practices. The community meal of 'Communion' or the 'Eucharist' celebrates – yes, celebrates – the death of Christ, reminding followers of his sacrificed body and blood, which are represented by the solid and the liquid elements of the meal. The sacrifice of his own life by Christ was as a punishment-taker, substituting for his followers who acknowledge that their sins deserve an eternal penalty. Good Friday becomes 'good' for such believers – although it commemorates a death – because religion offers uncertain results, but in Christ, his followers find a blemishless sacrifice for their sins, guaranteeing free forgiveness.

The other practice, of baptism, again centres on Christ's death: a new believer is immersed in water, providing an immersive identification of the believer with the death that Christ suffered on his behalf. The person is then raised out of the water, believing that Christ's raising-up from the dead promises eventual resurrection for him, too, in addition to an immediate new life guided daily by Christ's Holy Spirit.

Christ established no other rituals. His teachings centred on truth and compassion in the ethics of daily life, rather than on symbols. The entire *Bible* cautions against religion as ceremony, and Jesus, too, warned against rule by priests and ritualism. "All have sinned and fallen short of God's perfection" (Romans 3:23). If we attempt to overcome that fact through pilgrimages, penance or other efforts, there is still no certainty, as "our thoughts sometimes accuse us and sometimes defend us" (Romans 2:15). In contrast, Christ assures, "Come to me, all who are worn by labour or guilt, and I will give you rest."

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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K B Cross to Chunchanahalli Section (NATIONAL HIGHWAY 150A)
TUMKUR DISTRICT, TUMKUR

PUBLIC NOTICE
(UNDER SECTION 3(G) OF N.H. ACT 1956)

S.O. 798(E), Date: 16.02.2026 — Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **1437(E) Dated:26/03/2025,** published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of **NH150A in the stretch of land from Km. Design Ch. 485+240 Km (Existing Km 494.000) to Design Ch. 523+393 Km (Existing km 533.152) & From Design Ch. 530+393 (Existing Km 540.175) to Design Ch.534+476 (Existing Km 544.200 (K B Cross to Chunchanahalli Section) in the district of TUMKUR in the state of KARNATAKA.**

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in **"The Times of India" dated 09/04/2025 , "Prajavani" dated 09/04/2025 ;** under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances. The land owners can submit their statements if any, along with relevant property documents to the below address.

Name of the Villages	Enquiry Date and Time	The place where the land owners / interested persons have to appear & submit / their claims
TIPTUR TALUK **Kibbanahalli, Kunduru** **TURUVEKERE TALUK** **Banasandra (Kunasandra), Manchenahalli, Kuneekenhalli, Lokammanahalli, Chowdenahalli, Turuvekre Amanikere, Bediswaste, Tavarekere, Aralikere, Kallanakere, Sangalapura, Chikkonahalli, Bommenahalli, Kodinagasandra, Mayasandra, Chikkasettikere, Doddasettikere, Dananayakanapura Kaval, Haridasanahalli,**	**15-04-2026 FROM 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM**	**PWD INSPECTION BUNGALOW, TURUVEKERE.**

Sd/-
Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority
National Highway, Tumkur Branch,
Impana Arcade, 8th Cross,
Upparahalli Main Road, Tumkur-572102.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km. Design Ch. 485+240 Km (Existing Km 494.000) to Design Ch. 523+393 Km (Existing km 533.152) & From Design Ch. 530+393 (Existing Km 540.175) to Design Ch.534+476 (Existing Km 544.200 (K B Cross to Chunchanahalli Section) of NH150A in the District of TUMKUR in the state of KARNATAKA.

STATE : KARNATAKA **DISTRICT: TUMKUR**

Sl. No	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectares	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
TALUK: TIPTUR					
Village: Kibbanahalli					
1	34/4	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.1821	Ramesh Babu s/o Srinivasa Naidu Bhu.Pa Kaveri Neeravari Nigamakke Bhusvadeena
Village: Kunduru					
2	67/3	Private	Dry	0.0075	K. J. Govindaraju s/o Late Javarappa Urf Javaregowda
3	67/7	Private	Dry	0.02	B.R. Shivashankaraiah s/o Rangappa
4	69/3	Private	Dry	0.2075	Raghupathigowda s/o Kajjirangegowda
5	69/4	Private	Dry	0.07	Ramesh s/o Shivanna
6	88/3A1	Private	Dry	0.025	B. R. Shivashankaraiah s/o Rangappa, Mamatha w/o Ramchandraiah
7	88/3A2	Private	Dry	0.165	K.J. Ramegowda s/o Javarappa
8	88/3A3	Private	Dry	0.025	K. J. Govindaraju s/o Javarappa
TALUK: TURUVEKERE					
Village: Banasandra (Kunasandra)					
9	100/1	Private	Dry	0.64	Rangegowda s/o Sheshegowda,Ramegowda s/o Buddarangegowda, Krishnegowda s/o Sannapullegowda, Lakkannagowda s/o Late Hucchegowda, Rangegowda s/o Rangegowda, Rangegowda s/o Channegowda, Ratna w/o Late B.H Lakshmanagowda, Nagaratnamma w/o Late B.R Rangegowda, B.H Rekha D/o Late Hanumegowda, Manjula w/o Late Rangegowda, Sheshegowda s/o Raghupathigowda, Raghupathigowda, Jagadeeshaiah, Ranga s/o Koopa, Chenna, Ranga s/o Channegowda, Sarvegara Rangegowda, Shivamma w/o Late B.R. Ramegowda, Anantharamegowda s/o Late Javaregowda, Lalitha w/o Late Nanjegowda, Honnegowda s/o Late Javaregowda, B.R. Puttegowda s/o Late Rangegowda
10	100/5	Private	Dry	0.135	Jayamma w/o Late B.R Ramachandregowda
11	114/3	Private	Dry	0.0325	B.R Thimmegowda S/o Rayappagowda, Shusheelamma w/o Govindaiah, B.R Krishna s/o Late Raghupathigowda, Honnegowda s/o Late Raghupathigowda
12	115/1	Private	Dry	0.02	Hariniw/o Sheshegowda, Veena w/o Pandurangegowda
13	115/2A	Private	Dry	0.2575	Rangegowda s/o Late Javaregowda
14	115/2B	Private	Dry	0.11	Kaveri Neeravari Nigama, Rangamma, Nanjaiah, Honnegowda s/o Late C. Govindaiah, Chikkanna
15	117/1B	Private	Dry	0.12	Thimmegowda s/o Late Moodligirigowda
16	117/2	Private	Dry	0.005	Shivamma w/o B.T Lakshmanagowda
17	117/3	Private	Dry	0.035	Jayamma w/o B.T Pandurangegowda
18	117/4	Private	Dry	0.1125	Shivamma w/o B.T Lakshmanagowda, Jayamma W/o B.T Pandurangegowda
19	117/5	Private	Dry	0.025	H. Mohankumar s/o B.G Honnegowda
20	121/5B	Private	Dry	0.135	Jayamma w/o Shrirangaiah
21	121/6	Private	Dry	0.105	B.R Vijaykumar s/o Rangegowda Urf Motegowda
22	122	Private	Dry	0.195	Shri Anjaneya Swamy Enanthi
23	123	Private	Dry	0.035	Shri Anjaneya Swamy Enanthi
24	138	Private	Dry	0.255	B.K Ravindra and B.K Dilip s/o Kariyappa
25	139	Private	Dry	0.27	Prakash s/o Rangaiah
26	6	Private	Dry	0.4175	Ramesh s/o Late Puttaswamy, Dinesh s/o Late Puttaswamy Gomala, Ramaiah s/o Yalakkaiah, Moodligiraiah s/o Javaraiah, Moodligiraiah s/o Yalakkaiah, Thimmaiah s/o Govindaiah, Rangaiah s/o Malethimmaiah, channappa s/o Yalakkaiah, Gangaharaiah s/o Yallapuraiah, Chandraiah s/o Late Hanumaiah, Dodda kariyappa s/o Late Hanumaiah, Hanumanthaiah s/o Late Hanumaiah, Kamalamma D/o Late Hanumaiah, Sanna Hanumaiah s/o Late Hanumaiah, Ratnamma D/o Late Gopalaiah, Ningamma w/o Late Chandraiah, Sarojamma D/o Late Gopalaiah, B.G Lakshmana s/o Late Gopalaiah
27	70/1B	Private	Dry	0.06	Channamma w/o Late Ramegowda, Manjamma D/o Late Thimmegowda, Jayamma D/o Late Thimmegowda, Jayanna D/o Late Thimmegowda, Chandramma D/o Late Thimmegowda, Shekhar D/o Late Thimmegowda, Lakshmamma D/o Moodalagiraiah, Boranna, Radhamma w/o Rangaswamy, Yashodamma B R D/o Late B. N Rangegowda, Mamata D/o Late B. N Rangegowda, Lalitha B R Late B. N Rangegowda, Javaramma W/o Late Nanjegowda
28	71	Private	Dry	0.03	Rangaiah s/o Sannathimmaiah, M. Ramegowda s/o Moodligiraiah
29	80/1	Private	Dry	0.03	Shivamma w/o Ramegowda, Lakshmamma w/o Channegowda, Thimmegowda s/o Rangegowda, Kumar s/o Rangegowda, Javaregowda s/o Lakkannagowda, Savitramma w/o Late Krishnegowda,Dyavamma w/o Rangegowda, Srinivas s/o Late Giriyappa
30	96	Private	Dry	0.13	Purushottam s/o Late B.H Ramachandregowda, Rajeshwari D/o Late B.H.Ramachandregowda, Yashodha Late B.H Ramachandregowda, Nagaraju B R s/o Late B.H Ramachandregowda
31	97/3	Private	Dry	0.0225	B.R. Rangaiah s/o B.C. Rangaiah
32	97/4	Private	Dry	0.0725	Giriyappa s/o Kajjirangegowda
Village: Manchenahalli					
33	34/7	Private	Dry	0.2125	Gangadharaiah s/o Late Lakshmamma
Village: Kuneekenhalli					
34	194/2	Private	Dry	0.1125	Lakshminarayana s/o Late Ningappa, Lakshminarayana s/o Late Ningappa Bhu.pa
35	194/3	Private	Dry	0.065	Nagaraja G.M. Bin Mariyappa Urf G. Maribasavayya.
36	194/4	Private	Dry	0.065	Sujatha w/o Santhoshakantli Bhoopa
37	194/5	Private	Dry	0.0625	Sujatha w/o Santhoshakantli Bhoopa
38	194/6	Private	Dry	0.07	Padmaja w/o G. C. Srinivas.
39	194/7	Private	Dry	0.0575	D. P Sujatha w/o Santhoshakantli, D. P Sujatha w/o Santhoshakantli Bhoopa
40	195/4	Private	Dry	0.2025	Dhanraj H S s/o Late sadananda, Sachin H S s/o Late sadananda
41	237	Private	Dry	0.0375	B.H.Huchchegowda s/o Hanumegowda, Huchchegowda s/o late Hanumegowda, Rangamma w/o Late Moodlaiah, Huchchamma w/o Late Venkataramaiah, Chandrayya s/o Late Rangaiah
Village: Lokammanahalli					
42	65/1	Private	Dry	0.125	Government Fad , L R Nagaraju s/o Rangappa, Puttaswamy s/o Chikkaiah, Bettayya s/o Allaiah, Channegowda s/o Siddappa, Nanjundappa s/o Siddappa
43	65/2	Private	Dry	0.0525	Gurumallikarjunaiah s/o L.B Bettaiah
44	65/3	Private	Dry	0.01	M.T Harshitha D/o M.S Thimmappa Bhoopa
45	65/4	Private	Dry	0.005	Kusuma w/o M.S Thimmappa Bhoopa
46	67/1	Private	Dry	0.5225	LA Gangadharayya s/o Allegowda, LA Mahalingappa s/o Allegowda, L B Bettayya s/o Sannabettaiah, Ramayya s/o Sannabettegowda, Sannabettegowda s/o Allegowda, Pushpa w/o Late L. A Chandraiah, L S Rekhamani w/o Late R. Ashok kumar, Rangaswamy H/o Thimmegowda, Rangaswamy, Gurumallikarjunaih s/o Late L.B. Bettaiah
47	67/2	Private	Dry	0.0075	Siddaganga H.S w/o Late A. T Shivashankar
Village: Chowdenahalli					
48	99/1	Private	Dry	0.06	N. Narayanaswamy s/o C.N Narayanappa
49	99/2A	Private	Dry	0.015	N. Narayanaswamy s/o C.N Narayanappa
50	99/2B	Private	Dry	0.0125	Hemavathy N D/o C.N Narayanappa
51	99/3	Private	Dry	0.0175	Hemavathy N D/o C.N Narayanappa
52	Khatha Number 58	Private	Built up area	0.003552	Jagadamba w/o Mahalingappa
53	Khatha Number 59	Private	Built up area	0.005462	Mallikarjunaiah s/o Gangappa
54	Khatha Number 60	Private	Built up area	0.004996	Mahalingappa s/o Sannalingegowda, (Parvathamma w/o Basavaraju), Lathamani w/o Mahalingappa
Village: Turuvekre Amanikere					
55	372/1	Private	Dry	0.026193	T S Basavaraju S/o Late T K Siddalingaiah
56	372/2	Private	Dry	0.002076	T.S Basavaraju S/o Late T.K Siddalingaiah
57	373/1	Private	Dry	0.10586	T.S Basavaraju S/o Late T.K Siddalingaiah 373
58	373/2	Private	Dry	0.116139	T.S Basavaraju S/o Late T.K Siddalingaiah 373
59	374/1	Private	Dry	0.053138	Shivaleela W/o Late Jayarama
60	374/2	Private	Dry	0.153996	Mangala Gowramma W/o Basavaraju, Chandramma W/o Late A.G Shivananjappa
61	375	Private	Dry	0.00771	T.S Basavaraju S/o Late T.K Siddalingaiah
62	384	Private	Dry	0.354251	Parvathamma W/o Late T.N Chinna Narasimha Shetty, Chandramma W/o T.N Lakshmi Narasimha Shetty(384/1) Chandramma W/o T.N Lakshmi Narasimha Shetty(384/2)
63	385	Private	Dry	0.000988	Chandramma W/o Late Lakshmi Narasimha Shetty
64	386	Private	Dry	0.023821	Nagaraju S/o Gangamma
65	387	Private	Dry	0.019966	Annapurna W/o Nagaraju
66	388	Private	Dry	0.024414	Krishnamurthy S/o Late Hanumaiah
67	389	Private	Dry	0.131578	Kempamma W/o Byatappa, D. Rajesh S/o Dasharatha rama shetty, Mudlappa S/o Thimmaiah, G. Rajanna S/o Gangappa, T.C. Ganganna S/o Chikkegowda, Huccanna S/o Late Hucchegowda, Thimmamma W/o Late Byatappa, Gangamma W/o Late Rajanna, Adaveesha S/o Late Rajanna, Gangamma W/o Late Rajanna, Adaveesha S/o Late Rajanna, D Rajesh S/o Late K.L Dasharatha Rama Shetty, Suman Ganesh S/o Late K.L Dasharatha Rama Shetty, Suman Ganesh S/o Late K.L Dasharatha Rama Shetty, D. Sahana D/o Late K.L Dasharatha Rama Shetty, Gangamma W/o Late Rajanna, Adaveesha S/o Late Rajanna, T. Mudlappa S/o Late Thimmaiah
68	390	Private	Dry	0.057427	Siddalingaiah S/o T.G Thammayyanna
69	391	Private	Dry	0.106552	Sarojamma W/o Late Srinivasa Shetty
70	392	Private	Dry	0.161943	T S Seetharamu Deekshith S/o Subrahmanya Deekshith
71	393/1	Private	Dry	0.106275	Murali T S. S/o T. N. Shankara Rao
72	393/2	Private	Dry	0.076899	T.C Hiremavuraiah S/o Chikkamavuraiah, T. Chandrashekar S/o Late Thathaiah, H.R Rukmini W/o Late T.T Mohankumar
73	394/1	Private	Dry	0.007215	Thimmamma W/o Late Byatappa (394)
74	394/2	Private	Dry	0.000494	Thimmamma W/o Late Byatappa (394)
75	395	Private	Dry	0.048076	T.R Nagaraju S/o Late Ramachandra Jois T.N, T.R Nanjunda Swamy S/o Late Ramachandra Jois T.N
76	396/2	Private	Dry	0.078441	G. Rajanna S/o Gangappa, G. Shivanna S/o Gangappa (396/2), Yallamma W/o Shivanna, Rakesh S/o Shivanna(396/3)
77	409/1	Private	Dry	0.024216	Narasimhaiah S/o Late Narasappa
78	409/2	Private	Dry	0.07338	K. G Govindaiah S/o Giriyappa (409/2), Gayathri D/o Late Jayaramaiah, Pavithra D/o Late Jayaramaiah, Asharani D/o Late Jayaramaiah (409/3)
79	411/3	Private	Dry	0.00253	T.R Nagaraja S/o Late Ramachandra Jois T.N, T.R Nanjunda Swamy S/o Late Ramachandra Jois T.N
80	416/2	Private	Dry	0.010121	T.R Nagaraja S/o Late Ramachandra Jois T.N, T.R Nanjunda Swamy S/o Late Ramachandra Jois T.N
81	417/1	Private	Dry	0.057131	S. Siddaiah S/o Sanna Hucchaiah @ Hucchaiah
82	417/2	Private	Dry	0.127704	S. Pradeep S/o N. Shivananjaiah
83	417/3	Private	Dry	0.211324	T.L Mahadevaiah S/o Linganaiah, T. L Shivashankar S/o Linganaiah
84	418	Private	Dry	0.001384	J. Umesha S/o G. Jayanna (418/2)
85	419/2	Private	Dry	0.098348	T.H Mahesh S/o Honnaiah
86	424/1	Private	Dry	0.318825	Anusuyamma W/o Late S Shivanna, Gowramma W/o Late Gundappa
87	424/2A	Private	Dry	0.025798	Rajamma M W/o C.M. Nagaraju (424/2A1), Gangamma W/o Late Muddaramaiah (424/2A2)
88	424/2B	Private	Dry	0.101214	T.R. Nagaraju S/o Late Rajanna (424/2B1)
89	424/2B2	Private	Dry	0.07085	K.H Govindaiah S/o Hucchathimmaiah
90	424/2B3	Private	Dry	0.045072	Lakkamma W/o Shivaiah
91	424/3	Private	Dry	0.003361	Lakkamma W/o Shivaiah
92	424/4	Private	Dry	0.046653	Nanjegowda S/o Rangegowda
93	425/1	Private	Dry	0.116396	T Nanjudaiah S/o Kempananjaiah
94	425/2	Private	Dry	0.096032	Nataraju S S/o Late Siddappa M.B (425/9)
95	425/3	Private	Dry	0.078777	P.B. Pushpalatha W/o K.N Mahesh
96	425/4	Private	Dry	0.054758	Venkatesh S/o Late Siddappa M.B
97	425/6	Private	Dry	0.061381	Jayamma W/o Somashekaraiah
98	432	Private	Dry	0.15874	Krishnappa S/o Narasimhaiah, T.V. Vittalamurthy S/o Venkatanarasaiah, Rama Murthy S/o Lakshmapathaiah
99	433	Private	Dry	0.005832	Nanjamma W/o Late Karunaiah (433/2)
100	434/1	Private	Dry	0.414148	Siddagangamma W/o T.V Rajashekarappa Shetty, Nanjappa S/o Boregowda, Revamma W/o Nagaiah, H. Govindaiah S/o Huccahhaiah
101	434/2	Private	Dry	0.029949	Hucchhamma W/o Late Laksmaiah
102	435	Private	Dry	0.27567	Krishnaveni W/o Late T.N Narayanappa (435/1) Shanthamma W/o Late Lakshminarayanappa (435/2)
103	439	Private	Dry	0.080971	Shanthamma W/o Late Lakshminarayanappa
104	441/2	Private	Dry	0.086289	Shanthamma W/o Late Lakshminarayanappa
105	443/1	Private	Dry	0.060702	T.H. MadanGopala Shetty S/o Late T.H Hanumanna, T.H Lakshmikantha Shetty S/o Late T.H Hanumanna
106	443/2	Private	Dry	0.028269	P Shivaramaiah S/o Late Parasaiah, Chandraiah S/o Thammaiah, Ningamma W/o Late Goravajjaiah
107	444	Private	Dry	0.133931	Narasamma W/o Nanjundaiah, Bhavya (M.G) Ajji Narasamma, Parvathamma W/o Late T.N Chinna Narasimha Shetty, K.S Srinivasa S/o Late Siddappa
108	Nala	Private	Dry	0.007413	Government
109	tank/ nala	Private	Dry	0.334284	Government
Village: Bediswaste					
110	107	Private	Dry	0.084213	T. L Sheshadri S/o Late Lakshmipathaiah (107/1), T.L Ramamurthy S/o Late Lakshmipathaiah (107/2) 107
111	108	Private	Dry	0.283279	T.K Mahesh S/o T.R Krishnappa 108
112	109/3	Private	Dry	0.00506	T.K Manju S/o T.R Krishnappa 109/3
113	110	Private	Dry	0.174555	Yashas T.L S/o Lakshmikanth T.H (110/2), T.R Srinivas S/o Ramaiah (110/3)110
114	111/1	Private	Dry	0.124442	T.V Gopalakrishna S/o Late T.V Vittalamurthy 111/1
115	111/2B	Private	Dry	0.030364	Yashas T.L S/o Lakshmikanth T.H 111/2B
116	111/2C	Private	Dry	0.048076	T. Nagaraj S/o T Thimmaiah 111/2C
117	112/P	Private	Dry	0.103191	T.N Shivarudrappa Shetty S/o Nanjappa Shetty 112/P
118	119	Private	Dry	0.022833	T.K Manju S/o T.R Krishnappa 119
119	122	Private	Dry	0.116238	T.R. Srinivasa S/o Ramaiah (122/1) K. Umadevi D/o T.R Krishnappa (122/2) 122
120	123	Private	Dry	0.037955	T.L Sheshadri S/o Late T.V Lakshmipathaiah 123
121	124	Private	Dry	0.086487	T.L. Srinivasa S/o Late T.V. Lakshmipathaiah (124/2) 124
122	135	Private	Dry	0.297514	B.N. Shashikumar S/o B.C. Narasimhamurthy, B.N. Ramesh S/o B.C. Narasimhamurthy 135
123	136/2	Private	Dry	0.006029	T.L. Nagaratnamma D/o Late B.M Susheelamma 136/2
124	136/3	Private	Dry	0.024216	Thimmakka W/o Puttaraju 136/3
125	136/4	Private	Dry	0.015716	Lakshmamma W/o Late Channakrishnashetty 136/4
126	136/5	Private	Dry	0.054857	Madhava S/o T.C Channakeshavashetty 136/5
127	14/2	Private	Dry	0.020242	Bhagyamma W/o Gangadhar 14/2
128	14/3	Private	Dry	0.002175	Bhagyamma W/o Gangadhar 14/3
129	172/1	Private	Dry	0.102301	M.R. Ramachandraiah S/o G. Rangaswamy 172/1
130	172/2	Private	Dry	0.121457	T.R. Dharanesh S/o Revanna, T.R. Punith S/o Revanna 172/2

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131	173	Private	Dry	0.115052	M.T Ramesha S/o Late M.R. Thimmegowda, M.T Ashwathkumar S/o Late M.R. Thimmegowda (173/1) Jayamma W/o Shivanna (173/2) 173
132	174/1	Private	Dry	0.090539	Cheluvaiah Narayanashetty, T.R. Vasu, T.R Chennigarayappa S/o T.C Ramakrishnaiah 174/1
133	174/2	Private	Dry	0.078283	T.L. Nagaratnamma D/o B.M. Susheelamma 174/2
134	174/3	Private	Dry	0.05634	Thimmakka W/o Puttaraju 174/3
135	174/4	Private	Dry	0.043293	G. Lakshminarayana S/o Late Gundashetty, Lakshmamma W/o Late Channakrishnashetty 174/4
136	174/5	Private	Dry	0.035425	T C Jayaram S/o T C Channakeshava shetty, T C Narendra S/o T C Channakeshava shetty (174/6)
137	175/2	Private	Dry	0.096173	H.R Gayathri W/o B.N Shashikumar (175/3) 175/2
138	185	Private	Dry	0.158246	Nagaratnamma W/o Late B.R. Rangegowda, B.H. Rekha W/o Late Hanumegowda, Ratna W/o Late Lakshmanagowda (185/1) 185
139	23/1	Private	Dry	0.145594	Girisha T.S S.o Late Shivashankar (23/5), T.S Lokesha S/o Late T.M. Shivashankar (23/6) 23/1
140	23/2	Private	Dry	0.127111	Huchhamma W/o Narasimhiah, Mohankumari D/o Lakshmidevamma, Gangaraja Aras T.R. S/o Rajaiah Aras, H.R. Bhama mani W/o T R. Chidanandaraju Aras 23/2
141	27/1	Private	Dry	0.045665	Nanjamma D/o Ganganna 27/1
142	28	Private	Dry	0.055546	T.S Hemalatha D/o Late Srinivasaraju, T.S. Nagaraja Aras S/o Late Srinivasaraju 28
143	31	Private	Dry	0.035894	T. Chandrashekar S/o Late Thathaiah, H.R. Rukmini W/o Late T.T Mohankumar 31
144	32	Private	Dry	0.040955	B.N Shashikumara S/o B.C. Narasimhamurthy 32
145	35	Private	Dry	0.007413	Huchhappa S/o Javaraiah 35
146	41	Private	Dry	0.00253	M.S Srinivasamurthy S/o Late Siddappa 41
147	53/2	Private	Dry	0.020182	K.H Manjanna S/o Yalavaiahnavara Hucchappa (53/2A2) 53/2
148	78	Private	Dry	0.216167	T.S. Shankaramurthy S/o Late Shrikantaiah 78
149	79	Private	Dry	0.330725	K.H Govindaiah S/o Huchhathimaiah, K.H Nanjegowda S/o Huchhathimaiah, H. Ramaiah Huchhathimaiah, Gangamma W/o Late Marihuchhaiah 79
150	85	Private	Dry	0.30216	Gangamma W/o Late Marihuchhaiah (85/1) Balaiah S/o Pa Boregowda (85/2) Shivanna S/o Siddarangaiah (85/3) 85
151	86	Private	Dry	0.05802	T.L Sheshadri S/o Late T.V. Lakshmipathaiah (86/1) 86
152	91	Private	Dry	0.012553	S. Shivanna S/o Siddappa, D.K Chandrashekar S/o Kariyappa 91
153	92/2	Private	Dry	0.00506	T.S. Seetharamu Deekshith S/o Subrahmanya Deekshith 92/2
154	92/3a	Private	Dry	0.091033	T.S Venkatasubba Deeshith 92/3a
155	92/3b1	Private	Dry	0.035287	K. Kempaiah M/G Chikka Hanumaiah 92/3b1
156	92/3b2	Private	Dry	0.096173	Ningamma W/o Late Rajanna, Shankarnag S/o Late Rajanna 92/3b2
157	93	Private	Dry	0.069881	T.L Ramamurthy S/o Late T.V. Lakshmipathaiah 93
158	97	Private	Dry	0.050904	K.M. Lokesh S/o Late Manjanna (97/2) K.L Srinivasa S/o Late K.G. Lakkappa (97/3) 97
159	98/1	Private	Dry	0.048433	T.S. Seetharamu Deekshith S/o Subrahmanya Deekshith 98/1
160	Nala	Private	Dry	0.208062	Government Nala
161	Nala	Private	Dry	0.014036	Government Nala
162	Nala	Private	Dry	0.057526	Government Nala
163	Nala	Private	Dry	0.170502	Government Nala
164	Road	Private	Dry	0.037165	Government Road
165	Road	Private	Dry	0.050508	Government Road
166	Road	Private	Dry	0.033112	Government Road
167	Road	Private	Dry	0.035682	Government Road
168	Road	Private	Dry	0.039734	Government Road
169	Road	Private	Dry	0.03756	Government Road
Village: Tavarekere					
170	128/1 A1A1	Private	Dry	0.02	Nanjappa, Ramaiah s/o Doddegowda, Moodligiraiah Urf Puttaraju
171	128/1 A1A2	Private	Dry	0.02	T.K Javaregowda s/o Krishnappa
172	128/1 A2B	Private	Dry	0.015	Rangappa s/o Boregowda 128/1A2A
173	128/2	Private	Dry	0.01	Shreedhara S. S/o Siddanna
174	128/3A3	Private	Dry	0.0025	Timmayya, T. K. Javaregowda s/o Krishnappa, Rangappa s/o Boregowda, Huccegowda s/o Chikkegowda, Krishnappa s/o Kempegowda, Mariyanna Urf. Kempayya s/o Nanjegowda, T. N. Sannatimmayya s/o Late Nanjegowda, Yanagaya s/o Kapanaiah, Krishnappa s/o Sannathimmaiah, Chaudamma w/o Late Moodlagiraiah, Puttaraju
175	24/10	Private	Dry	0.005	T.K Javaregowda s/o Late Krishnappa
176	24/12	Private	Dry	0.0175	A.H Mahesh s/o Hanumantaiah
177	24/13	Private	Dry	0.04	Girish T.S s/o Shivakumar T.K
178	24/6	Private	Dry	0.0325	Huccegowda s/o Chikkaiah
179	5/1A3	Private	Dry	0.05	Lakshamamma w/o Thimmaiah
180	Grama Thana	Private	Built up area	0.035	Grama Thana
181	Khatha Number 92	Private	Built up area	0.006655	T D Manjunath s/o Dyavayya
182	Khatha Number 93	Private	Built up area	0.00444	D. Kempegowda s/o Dyavayya
183	Khatha Number 94	Private	Built up area	0.006061	Thimmaiah s/o Thimmaiah
184	Khatha Number 94/1	Private	Built up area	0.005	Thimmaiah s/o Thimmaiah
185	Khatha Number 95	Private	Built up area	0.0075	Puttamma w/o Late Chowdappa
186	Khatha Number 96	Private	Built up area	0.004171	T.K Ramachandra s/o T. K Kariyappa
187	Khatha Number 101	Private	Built up area	0.0025	Parvathamma w/o T.C Shivanna
188	Khatha Number 102	Private	Built up area	0.0025	T.V Basavaraju s/o Chandrachar
189	Khatha Number 103	Private	Built up area	0.0025	T.V Thimmaiah s/o Venkatachalaiah
190	Khatha Number 104/1	Private	Built up area	0.0037	Krishnappa s/o Thimmaiah
191	Khatha Number 128/1	Private	Built up area	0.005	Chikkann s/o Chikkanna
192	Khatha Number 129	Private	Built up area	0.00321	T. C. Shankar s/o Chowdappa Urf Doddaiah
193	Khatha Number 130	Private	Built up area	0.005	Ashoka s/o Sambegowda, Suresh s/o Sambegowda
194	Khatha Number 206	Private	Built up area	0.0025	T. B Manjanna, T.B Mahalingaiah s/o Boregowda Urf Kariyanna
195	Khatha Number 208	Private	Built up area	0.0025	T.C Gangadhara s/o Chowdegowda
196	Khatha Number 209	Private	Built up area	0.005	Lokesh, T.S Rangaswamy s/o Siddappa , T.S Krishnamurthy s/o Siddappa
197	Khatha Number 209/1	Private	Built up area	0.0025	Lokesh s/o Siddappa, T.S Rangaswamy s/o Siddappa, T.S Krishnamurthy s/o Siddappa
198	Khatha Number 238	Private	Built up area	0.00323	Ramakrishna s/o Moodlappa
199	Khatha Number 239	Private	Built up area	0.005	H Nanjappa s/o Hucchegowda
200	Khatha Number 25	Private	Built up area	0.002345	Ranganathashetty s/o Bhairashetty
201	Khatha Number 251	Private	Built up area	0.0043425	Srinivas s/o Ramanna
202	Khatha Number 252	Private	Built up area	0.001643	Parvathamma w/o Puttaswamaiah
203	Khatha Number 254	Private	Built up area	0.0025	Shahirabanu w/o Mukbal Sab
204	Khatha Number 254/1	Private	Built up area	0.00216	Shayin Unnisa w/o Nazeer Sab
205	Khatha Number 255	Private	Built up area	0.003355	Basavaraju s/o Chandrappa, Krishnamma w/o Siddappa
206	Khatha Number 26	Private	Built up area	0.00126	T AAthaulla s/o Ameerjaan
207	Khatha Number 321	Private	Built up area	0.00148	Govindegowda s/o Moodlappa
208	Khatha Number 325	Private	Built up area	0.002	T. S Ramachandraiah s/o Siddappa
209	Khatha Number 38	Private	Built up area	0.00115	T.D. Vijaya s/o Danigowda
210	Khatha Number 39	Private	Built up area	0.00565	Ratnamma w/o Late Vijayashankar
211	Khatha Number 48	Private	Built up area	0.00565	Ramegowda s/o Kendegowda
212	Khatha Number 49	Private	Built up area	0.005	T.M. Manjanna s/o Moodligirayya, Nanjappa s/o moodlappa
213	Khatha Number 60	Private	Built up area	0.003	Chikkamma Temple
214	Khatha Number 61/1	Private	Built up area	0.00686	T. Govindaiah s/o Thimmappa
215	Khatha Number 70	Private	Built up area	0.00815	T. S Ramanna s/o Boregowda
216	Khatha Number 82	Private	Built up area	0.00365	T.M. Thimmaiah s/o Moodlaiah
217	Khatha Number 85	Private	Built up area	0.005	Yashodamma w/o Nanjundachar
218	Khatha Number 86	Private	Built up area	0.0035	Kempanarasamm w/o Chikkaiah
219	Khatha Number 87	Private	Built up area	0.0035	T.C Murthy s/o Dodlachar
220	Khatha Number 89	Private	Built up area	0.01	T. C Raju s/o Chikkanna
221	Khatha Number 97	Private	Built up area	0.006345	Doreswamy s/o Chikkegowda
222	Khatha Number 97/1	Private	Built up area	0.00611	Doreswamy s/o Chikkegowda
223	Khatha Number 98	Private	Built up area	0.004135	Noorulla s/o Abeeja B
224	Khatha Number 99	Private	Built up area	0.003825	Ramesha s/o Chowdaiah
Village: Aralikere					
225	108/4A3	Private	Dry	0.022239	Shek Mohaddin Sab S/o Abdul Rahim Sab 108/4A3
226	108/4A4	Private	Dry	0.001285	Arif pasha S/o Abdul Rahim Sab 108/4A4
227	110/10	Private	Dry	0.179201	Pushpa W/o Late Shivanandappa, Gangamma. C D/o Late Chikkaveeraiah, Nagaraju A.C S/o Late Chikkaveeraiah (110/10), H. Nagaraju S/o Hanumaiah (110/16), Parameshwaraiah S/o Late Veerabhadraiah (110/17) 110/10
228	110/12	Private	Dry	0.165857	Suma K.N W/o Nijananda Swamy R.S, Kaveri Neeravari Nigama Niyamithakke Bhusvadeena (110/12), Jayamma W/o Siddalingaiah (NAK 110/23), Suma K.N W/o Nijanandaswamy R.S (110/25) 110/12
229	110/13A	Private	Dry	0.011367	Shri Siddesha S/o Nanjedevaru (NAK), Shri B.S Vasudeva S/o Shankarappa (NAK) 110/13A
230	110/13B	Private	Dry	0.113668	Channamma W/o Late P Nanjundaiah 110/13B
231	110/13C	Private	Dry	0.07085	Suma K.N W/o Nijanandaswamy 110/13C
232	110/2	Private	Dry	0.03588	Kempamma Thayee Kempamma 110/2
233	110/3	Private	Dry	0.1417	Eramma W/o Late Kempaiah (110/3), Basavaraju S/o Channagopaiah (110/27) 110/3
234	110/4	Private	Dry	0.084708	Basavaraju S/o Channagopaiah 110/4
235	110/5	Private	Dry	0.047642	Shivananjamma W/o T.M. Channappa 110/5
236	110/6	Private	Dry	0.010121	Shivanna S/o Basavalingappa (NAK) 110/6
237	110/8	Private	Dry	0.025303	Shivanna S/o Basavalingappa 110/8
238	110/9	Private	Dry	0.079765	Shivanna S/o Basavalingappa (NAK) 110/9
239	119/1	Private	Dry	0.325981	Rajeshwari M.S W/o Late Basavaraju A.N 119/1
240	119/2A	Private	Dry	0.053572	M. Shivananjappa S/o Muddegowda 119/2A
241	119/3	Private	Dry	0.177125	Channagopaiah, Shivalingappa, M.S Parvathamma W/o Premakumar, Nanjegowda S/o Channagopaiah, Saroja H.B W/o Late Shivananjaiah, Saroja H.B W/o Late Shivananjaiah. N 119/3
242	120/1	Private	Dry	0.356325	M. Prasannakumar S/o Mahalingappa (120/10), Savithramma W/o Late Sadashivappa (120/11), Saroja H.B W/o Late Shivananjaiah N (120/12) 120/1
243	120/5	Private	Dry	0.036967	Vishwanatha A.N S/o Late Nanjaiah 120/5
244	120/6	Private	Dry	0.273199	A.P Devaraju S/o Panchakshraiah (120/6), Gangadharaiah S/o Kalyanappa, Yashodamma D/o Kalyanappa (120/7) 120/6
245	121/10	Private	Dry	0.095185	Shivalingappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa, N. Shivananjappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa, A.N Hemanthkumar S/o Late S. Nanjappa 121/10
246	121/3	Private	Dry	0.260646	M. Shivananjappa S/o Muddegowda 121/3
247	121/4	Private	Dry	0.179497	Shivalingappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa, N. Shivananjappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa, A.N. Hemanthkumar S/o Late S. Nanjappa 121/4
248	121/5	Private	Dry	0.010121	A.P Jnanamani W/o Late A.N. Shreedhara 121/5
249	121/7	Private	Dry	0.159333	N. Rajashekariah S/o T. Nanjappa (NAK) 121/7
250	121/9	Private	Dry	0.155921	Shivalingappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa, N. Shivananjappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa, A.N. Hemanthkumar S/o Late S. Nanjappa, Shivalingappa S/o Late S. Nanjappa (NAK) 121/9
251	122/8	Private	Dry	0.06405	Drakshayanamma W/o Late Shivanna (122/8), Channabasamma W/o Late Shivananjappa (122/9), Channabasamma W/o Late Shivananjappa, Mahadevamma W/o Late Basappa (122/10) 122/8
252	134	Private	Dry	0.048076	M. Bommalingaiah S/o Mahalingappa (134/1) Bommalingaiah. M S/o Late Mahalingappa (134/2) 134
253	135/1	Private	Dry	0.045665	G. Nanjegowda S/o Late Gopaiah (135) 135/1
254	135/2	Private	Dry	0.032321	G. Nanjegowda S/o Late Gopaiah (135) 135/2
255	136/1	Private	Dry	0.017712	Lakshmikumar S/o Shambachaar 136/1
256	136/2	Private	Dry	0.070178	Vinay V.U S/o Umesh 136/2
257	138/2b	Private	Dry	0.011367	Shivamma K W/o Late A.G Mahalingappa, Chandramma W/o Late A.G Shivananjappa, Mangala Gowramma W/o Basavaraju (138/2) 138/2b
258	139	Private	Dry	0.156882	A.M.Basavaraju S/o Mahalingaiah, Bommalingaiah S/o Mahalingaiah 139
259	140/1	Private	Dry	0.198969	Shivamma W/o Late D. Mahalingappa (140/1), Rajeshwari M.S W/o Late Basavaraju A.N (140/6), Drakshayanamma W/o M.B Chandrashekar (140/7) 140/1
260	140/2	Private	Dry	0.177026	Gundashetty T.C S/o Channakrishnashetty T.G (140/2), A.C Indira W/o S. Chandranna (140/3), T.C Chandrashekar S/o Late T.G Channakrishnashetty (140/4) 140/2
261	53/1	Private	Dry	0.158147	A.S Kavithakumari W/o G. Basavaraju (NAK 53/1), A.S Kavithakumari W/o G. Basavaraju (NAK 53/4) 53/1
262	53/2	Private	Dry	0.033211	Shivalingappa S/o Channamma 53/2
263	53/3	Private	Dry	0.242914	Yashodamma W/o Late Basavaraju (NAK) 53/3
264	54/10	Private	Dry	0.016012	Basavaraju S/o Banavaiah 54/10
265	54/11	Private	Dry	0.027834	Basavaraju S/o Banavaiah 54/11
266	54/12	Private	Dry	0.022773	Nagesh S/o Late Kalaiah 54/12
267	54/4	Private	Dry	0.157752	A.S. Kavithakumari W/o G. Basavaraju (NAK) 54/4
268	54/7	Private	Dry	0.008698	Humeranaj W/o Mohammed Ekbal Pasha 54/7
269	54/8	Private	Dry	0.019472	Lakshmamma W/o Late B. Shivanna 54/8
270	54/9	Private	Dry	0.018582	Basavaraju S/o Shankarabanavaiah 54/9
271	55/1A3	Private	Dry	0.037165	Sowbhagyamma W/o Kumaraiah 55/1A3
272	55/1A4	Private	Dry	0.005634	M.C. Raviraju S/o Chennashetty 55/1A4
273	55/1B1	Private	Dry	0.014826	Lingaiah S/o Bandi Kalaiah, Shankarabanavaiah S/o Banavaiah 55/1B1
274	55/1B2	Private	Dry	0.017495	M. C. Raviraju S/o Channashetty 55/1B2
275	55/1B3	Private	Dry	0.008599	M. C. Raviraju S/o Channashetty 55/1B3
276	55/8	Private	Dry	0.063555	Lakshmamma W/o Kalabanavaiah 55/8
277	59	Private	Dry	0.025897	Nanjamma W/o Ramanna, Thurumande, Ganganna S/o Late Banavaiah Uruf Basavaiah, Shivanna S/o Late Banavaiah Uruf Basavaiah, Shivamma S/o Late Banavaiah Uruf Basavaiah, Rajanna S/o Late Banavaiah Uraf Basavaiah, Basavaraju S/o Late Banavaiah Uraf Basavaiah, Mahalingaiah S/o Late Banavaiah Uraf Basavaiah, Parvathamma W/o Late Krishnappa, Shankarappa S/o Late Banavaiah Uraf Basavaiah 59
278	60/23	Private	Dry	0.005	Lingaraju S/o Kalaiah 60/23
279	60/8	Private	Dry	0.005	Smt. G. Sharadamma W/o Basavarajaiah L (NAK) 60/8
280	61/10	Private	Dry	0.0025	B.Yathishumar S/o Late H. Basavaraju, B. Ravisha S/o Late H. Basavaraju 61/10
281	61/11	Private	Dry	0.0025	Shankarappa S/o Banavaiah 61/11
282	61/12	Private	Dry	0.0025	Gangamma W/o Late Shivanna 61/12
283	61/6	Private	Dry	0.0025	S.V. Govindappa 61/6
284	61/7A	Private	Dry	0.005	Thopamma W/o Late Nanjundegowda 61/7A
285	61/7B1	Private	Dry	0.005	Lakshmamma W/o Late Narasegowda, Ramaiah S/o Late Thimmegowda, T. Raghavendra S/o Late Thimmegowda, Nanjamari S/o Late Thimmegowda, Ningegowda S/o Late Thimmegowda 61/7B1
286	61/8	Private	Dry	0.005	M.K. Gopalakrishna S/o Late H.B Krishnappa 61/8
Village: Kallanakere					
287	100	Private	Dry	0.035	Gomala
288	101/1	Private	Dry	0.14	R. satyanarayana s/o Ramachandraiah
289	101/2	Private	Dry	0.2325	R. Manjanna s/o Late Ramaiah Bhoopa
290	102	Private	Dry	0.0025	Gomala
291	105	Private	Dry	0.025	B. Shashidhara s/o L Boraiah Bhoopa (105/1) Yogish s/o L.Boraiah Bhoopa (105/2)
292	74/9	Private	Dry	0.0025	D.M Chandresh s/o Late J Mahalingappa Bhoopa
293	75	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.09	Jayalaxmamma w/o H.S Krishnappa, Gurushanthappa s/o Late Ningappa, Somashekaraiah s/o Late Ningappa, Kalachar s/o Cheluvachaar, M.L Yogish s/o M.D lakshminarayana Urf annayya, K.R.Huchappa Shetty s/o Rajanna, Basavaiah s/o lingaiah, Basavaraju s/o Basavaiah, Shivananjappa s/o Basavaiah, Jayalakshmamma w/o H.S Krishnappa, Gomala, Gurushanthappa s/o Late Ningappa, Somashekaraiah s/o Late Ningappa, Huchappa s/o Rangaiah, K.V.Siddaya s/o Late Venkatappa, Geetha D/o K.H Rudrappa, Pushpa w/o K.H Rudrappa, Prabhavathi D/o K.H Rudrappa, Rudranamma D/o K.H Rudrappa, Hemalatha D/o K.H Rudrappa, Srinivasamurthy H s/o Hucchannashetty, Lakshmamma w/o Late B Shivanna, Manjula w/o Late K.R Manjunathashetty, Shantamma w/o Late Venkatashetty Urf Venkatesh, K N Eshwarappa s/o Late Narayanappa, Chandresh D M s/o Late Mahalingappa, Ningegowda s/o Late Shankarabanavaiah, Basavaraju s/o Late Shankarabanavaiah, Mohan Kumar s/o Late Shankarabanavaiah, Kumaraswamy S s/o Late Shankarabanavaiah
Village: Sangalapura					
294	21/12	Private	Dry	0.035	Kempegowda, Kapanigowda s/o Kempegowda, Lepakshi w/o Late Nanjamari
295	21/17	Private	Dry	0.0375	Kumari D/o Late Shivanna, Basavaraju s/o Late Shivanna, Kempegowda s/o Late Basavegowda, Kalegowda s/o Late Basavegowda, Iranna s/o Late Basavegowda
296	39/3	Private	Dry	0.0925	Mahalingaiah, Kempegowda s/o Lingappa, Nanjundaiah s/o Kempaiah, Shubhakshmi w/o Late Kempalingaiah

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297	39/5	Private	Dry	0.095	Chikkamma w/o Channappa
Village: Chikkonahalli					
298	62/1	Private	Dry	0.05	Beelu (Government - 62)
299	62/2	Private	Dry	0.025	K.B Channabasavaiah s/o Basavaiah, Shettappa s/o Late Basavaiah
Village: Bommenahalli					
300	24/10	Private	Dry	0.07	B.C Basavaraju s/o Channegowda
301	24/11	Private	Dry	0.24	Hanumakka w/o Late Subbanna
302	24/12	Private	Dry	0.065	B.C Basavaraju s/o Channegowda
303	24/5	Private	Dry	0.01	Shivanna s/o B. N Rangappa
304	24/6	Private	Dry	0.12	Shivamma w/o B.T Lakshmanagowda
305	24/7A	Private	Dry	0.19	Rajeshwari w/o Satyanarayana
306	24/7B	Private	Dry	0.17	Satyanarayana s/o Late B.H Jayappagowda, A J Nagesh s/o Late B.H Jayappagowda, A J Lokesh s/o Late B.H Jayappagowda, A J Devaraj s/o Late B.H Jayappagowda
307	24/7C	Private	Dry	0.06	Shivanna s/o B.N Rangappa
308	24/8A	Private	Dry	0.1	B.G Lalithamma D/o Late Girigowda
309	24/8B	Private	Dry	0.06	B.G Lalithamma D/o Late Girigowda
310	24/8C	Private	Dry	0.005	Akshatha B.A D/o B.M Anantharamu
311	45	Private	Dry	0.13	Byatarangiah s/o Ramaiah, Ramesh s/o Late Byatappa, Honnegowda s/o Late Byatappa
Village: Kodinagasandra					
312	10	Private	Dry	0.04	Cauvery Irrigation Corporation, Chairman Shri Chandrashekaranath Swamy Student Hostel Trust®
313	13/10	Private	Dry	0.0025	Prasad K.J s/o Late Javaregowda
314	13/11	Private	Dry	0.02	Mohana Kumara s/o Thimmaiah
315	13/6	Private	Dry	0.05	Kempamma w/o Late K Rajanna, Ashwath kumar s/o Late K Rajanna
316	19/1	Private	Dry	0.03	Kharab
317	20/1	Private	Dry	0.13	Sharadamma w/o Chandraiah
318	20/10	Private	Dry	0.005	Thammaiah s/o Thimmaiah
319	20/2	Private	Dry	0.0175	L. Laxmikantha s/oLate. Lakshmana Urf Lakshmaiah
320	20/3	Private	Dry	0.02	H. Srinivasamurthy s/o Late. Lakshmana Urf Lakshmaiah.
321	20/4	Private	Dry	0.04	Gowrisha s/o Late. Lakshmana Urf Lakshmaiah.
322	28	Private	Dry	0.1025	M.S Balaji s/o Late M Sampathkumar
323	30/1	Private	Dry	0.09	Lakkamma w/o Late K.G Shivaswamy, D Nagaratna w/o Late K G Krishnaswamy, KG Chandra Gowda s/o Late Giriyappagowda, KR Basavaraju s/o Late K. G. Ramegowda, KR Padmanabha s/o Late K. G. Ramegowda, KR Mohan Kumar s/o Late K. G. Ramegowda, K R Tammanna s/o Late K. G. Ramegowda
324	30/3A1	Private	Dry	0.035	Nagaveni w/o N Kempaiah, Area of difference between 3 and 9
325	30/5	Private	Dry	0.1625	Bhagyamma w/o Mallikarjunaiah
Village: Mayasandra					
326	265	Private	Dry	0.0425	H.B Ningaraju s/o H.N Basappa
327	267/3	Private	Dry	0.0475	Ganganna s/o Late Nanjegowda
328	267/4	Private	Dry	0.085	D.N Dhananjaya s/o Late Nanjundaiah
329	267/5	Private	Dry	0.185	M.K Prabhushankar s/o Late M.C Kamalakar
330	267/6	Private	Dry	0.095	M. R. Basavaraju s/o Rajanna, Kumar s/o Late Javarappa
331	268	Private	Dry	0.005	Prasanna D.K s/o Kempegowda (268/1) A.B Murugesh s/o Late Bhairappa, A.B Shivanna s/o Late Bhairappa, Nanjundegowda A.B s/o Late Bhairappa (268/2) Lakshmana s/o Ramanna (268/3) Ramesha s/o Ramanna (268/4)
332	279	Private	Dry	0.0225	Kempegowda s/o Bettegowda, D.R Boregowda
333	299/1	Private	Dry	0.025	C.R Shobha w/o N Nagaraju
334	299/7	Private	Dry	0.005	Shankar Ns father N Nagaraju is my ga for N, C.R Shobha w/o Late Nagaraju
335	308/5	Private	Dry	0.005	Ibrahim Saab, Manjunath s/o Late Sannaputtegowda, M. S. Manjunatha-M.N Sannaputtegowda
336	308/8	Private	Dry	0.035	M.K Gopalakrishna s/o Late M.C Krishnappa Bhoopa
337	308/9	Private	Dry	0.0475	M.V Ramakrishna s/o Venkataramayengar
338	318	Private	Dry	0.025	N Hanumanthappa s/o Late Nanjegowda Bhoopa
339	323	Private	Dry	0.015	Boralingegowda s/o Andanigowda
340	326/2	Private	Dry	0.005	Kemparaju M.N s/o Nagarajaiah M.C
341	328	Private	Dry	0.0175	Budena s/o Pheersab, Shaherab s/o Jameer, Sahe Arab Urf Babu s/o Jamirsab, Jameel Ahmed s/o Jamir, Sri Kumar s/o Late Javarappa, Sri Mahesh KV. s/o Veerabhadraiah, Jameel Ahmed s/o Muhammad Zameer M P, Naseem Ara Begum w/o Mohammed Yusoph
342	69/2	Private	Dry	0.06	Lakkanna s/o Late Thopegowda, Kempananjayya s/o Late Thopegowda, Kamalamma D/o Late Shivanna, Raju s/o Late Shivanna, Renukamma D/O Late Shivanna,Manjanna S s/o Late Shivanna
343	69/3	Private	Dry	0.1325	Basappa s/o Late Horishivaiah
344	76/2	Private	Dry	0.095	Rajanna s/o Hanumathashetty
Village: Chikkasettikere					
345	102	Private	Dry	0.025	Puttaiah, Javarayya s/o Late Siddaiah, Kulawadi Inam, Kamalamma D/o Late Channappa Urf K Raju, Jayalaxmamma D/o Late Channappa Urf K Raju, Kumar Raju s/o Late Channappa Urf K Raju, Chandiran Raju s/o Late Channappa Urf K Raju, Murthy R s/o Late Channappa Urf K Raju, Vijay s/o Late Chikka Channappa, R Vimala D/o Late Chikka Channappa, Dharuman C R s/o Late Chikka Channappa, Nanjaiah, Meenakshamma w/o Late Channigaiah, Anjanappa- Hanumathaiah, Jayamma- Kempaiah, Sanna Chikkamma- Late Nanjappa, Venkatappa- Hanumathaiah
346	13/1	Private	Dry	0.045	M.K Nagendrakumar s/o Late M.P Kantharajaiah, M.K Chandraprabhu s/o Late M.P Kantharajaiah
347	13/3	Private	Dry	0.03	M.P Geethanjali w/o A.S Vipul Jain
348	14	Private	Dry	0.0675	T.V. Kantharaju s/o K. Venkataramashetty, B. Rayachandrarao s/o Kaalingaiah, T. Manjunath s/o Kaalingaiah, T.S. Prakash Gupta s/o Srinivas Gupta (14/1)
349	63/3A1	Private	Dry	0.075	Manjayya s/o Chikkanarasaiah, Bilu Rangaswamayya s/o Puttaswamaiah, Jayamma w/o Late Rangaswamy, Hemalatha D/o Late Rangaswamychar, Ramesh s/o Late Rangaswamychar, Susheela D/o Late Rangaswamychar, Bhagyalakshmi D/o Late Rangaswamychar, D M Nanjappa s/o Mudalaiah, Cauvery Irrigation Corporation, Rangamma w/o Late Ugrayya, M.K Srinivas s/o Kumaraswamy, C.N. Satyanarayana s/o Malanayka Urf Nanjanayka
350	64/1	Private	Dry	0.045	Girish R.C s/o Chowdri T. Rangappa
351	64/2	Private	Dry	0.0125	Girish R.C s/o Chowdri T. Rangappa
Village: Doddasettikere					
352	18	Private	Dry	0.085	Shivanna s/o Doddagangaiah, Boregowda s/o Buchappana gangaiah, Javaraiah s/o Mayanna, Gowramma w/o Late Srinivas, Hullu Banni Kharab, Huchhappa s/o Mayanna, Nanjamma w/o Late Nanjaiah, P Rangaswamy s/o Late Puttaswamaiah, D.H Manjulamma w/o Late Hucchegowda, Rangamma w/o Thimmaiah, V. Venkatesh s/o Late Venkatachalaiah, Ramaiah s/o Ningaiah, D. N Dhananjaya s/o nanjundaiah, Venugopal s/o Late Narayanachaar, Puttamma w/o Late Puttaramaiah, Thayamma w/o Late Puttaraju, Kalamma w/o Late Narasimhachaar, Nanjappa s/o Borananjegowda, Rangamma w/o Thimmaiah, Thimmappa s/o Mariswamygowda, R. Nanjundappa s/o Late Ramaiah, R. Mahadevamma w/o Revanasiddaiah, Dhananjaya s/o Nanjundaiah, R. Nataraju s/o Late H.N Renukaradhya, R Somashekaradhya s/o Late Renukaradhya, D. Shivakumar s/o Dasabhovi, Jayamma s/o Late Kapanigowda, K.Rangappa s/o Late Kapanigowda, Prakash s/o Late Kapanigowda,Prema D/o Late Kapanigowda
Village: Dananayakanapura Kaval					
353	1/1	Private	Dry	0.1025	Sandesh B.D s/o Dhananjaya
354	1/2	Private	Dry	0.155	Sridharaswamy s/o Late D. nanjundaiah, D N Nagaratna D/o Late D. nanjundaiah, D N Lokesh s/o Late D. nanjundaiah, Sujatha D N D/o Late D. nanjundaiah, D N Kumaraswamy s/o Late D. nanjundaiah
355	38	Private	Dry	0.0925	Siddamma w/o Kenchaiah (38/1) Lingamesri (38/2)
356	4	Private	Dry	0.0425	Mysore Dasegowda
357	46	Private	Dry	0.12	Basavarajaiah s/o Nanjappa
358	47	Private	Dry	0.2575	Basavarajaiah s/o Nanjappa
359	5	Private	Dry	0.06	K Rangegowda
Village: Haridasanahalli					
360	Khatha Number 11	Private	Builtup area	0.003846	Rajkumar s/o Shivanna T
361	Khatha Number 14/1	Private	Builtup area	0.000918	Naganna s/o Hongeppa Urf Mariyappa
362	Khatha Number 1530/153	Private	Builtup area	0.0020815	Mangala w/o Chandrashekar
363	Khatha Number 22	Private	Builtup area	0.0038905	Rajanna s/o Thopaiah
364	Khatha Number 23	Private	Builtup area	0.00875	Javaregowda s/o Chikkanna
365	Khatha Number 24	Private	Builtup area	0.00335	Lokesh s/o Sanna Hongeppa
366	Khatha Number 32	Private	Builtup area	0.005555	Ananth s/o Hanumaiah
367	Khatha Number 33	Private	Builtup area	0.00368	Hongeppa s/o Guard Nanjappa
368	Khatha Number 34	Private	Builtup area	0.0054	Nanjamma w/o Hongeppa
369	Khatha Number 44	Private	BuiltUp area	0.001134	Krishnamurthy s/o Kudure Thopegowda
370	Khatha Number 45	Private	Builtup Area	0.002064	Sri Bhutharaya swamy Yuvaka Sanga
371	Khatha Number 46	Private	Builtup area	0.002935	Thimmappa s/o Puttegowda
372	Khatha Number 47	Private	Builtup area	0.0033925	Allappa s/o Thimmappa
373	Khatha Number 48	Private	Builtup area	0.007034	Gangadhargowda s/o Dasegowda, Gangamma w/o Shivanna
374	Khatha Number 63	Private	Builtup area	0.00439	Maalige Thopaiah s/o Lakkanna
375	Khatha Number 64	Private	Builtup area	0.002537	H.T Chandrashekar, Kala, H.T Shivaswamy, H.T. Jayraj
376	Khatha Number 65	Private	Builtup area	0.00997	Hanumantaiah s/o Hanumathegowda
377	Khatha Number 70	Private	Builtup area	0.003812	Lakshmi w/o chandrashekar
378	Khatha Number 8	Private	Builtup area	0.005	Harish s/o Ramaiah
				Total	**25.809826**

[F. No. CNH/TA-3/AE-5/NH-150A/3(a)/2024-25/3D2]

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Ref:No.DME/2026-27/SEO697: Date: 01.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed Invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderrers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in GOK,** for Providing the Group D Manpower Services to KoIMS & Teaching hospital, KoIMS, Madikeri. Last date for upload is **02.05.2026,** For more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.

e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Director & Dean, KoIMS, Madikeri

Government of Karnataka

(Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

Tender No.: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/TE/SBM/KPPP-Proc/2025-26/2563 Date: 31-03-2026

Tender Notice (Through KPP Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2000 for the execution of the following works under the Swachh Bharat Mission and JJM Scheme in the Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga District.

Indent Nos.: 1. RWSSD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT9947

2. RWSSD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT9979

3. RWSSD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT9952

4. RWSSD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT9980

5. RWSSD/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT8822/CALL-2

Tender details, conditions, and amendments or variations are available on the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/. Eligible contractors/bidders shall submit the necessary documents and their bids on the same website.

Tender Conditions: For Indent Nos. 01 and 02:

• Last date for receipt of tenders from contractors: 24.04.2026 at 05.30 PM • Date & Time of pre-bid meeting: 16.04.2026 at 11.30 AM • Date of opening of technical bid (two-cover system): 27.04.2026 at 11.30 AM • Date of opening of financial bid (two-cover system): 29.04.2026 at 11.30 AM • Scheduled period for completion of work: 6 months (180 days)

Tender Conditions: For Indent Nos. 03 to 05:

• Last date for receipt of tenders from contractors: 13.04.2026 at 05.30 PM • Date of opening of technical bid (two-cover system): 15.04.2026 at 11.30 AM • Date of opening of financial bid (two-cover system): 17.04.2026 at 11.30 AM • Scheduled period for completion of work: 6 months (180 days)

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/17/04/19

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇ-ಮೇಲ್- eewmccmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ-01/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.04.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

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1	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಕಾ.ಅ(ಪೂ)/ ಟಿ.ಎನ್-01/2026-27, ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.04.2026	02	561.00	ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ 01.04.2026	ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ರವರೆಗೆ 08.04.2026	ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 09.04.2026

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾ.ಅ (ಪೂರ್ವ) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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ಸಹಿ/-ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂರ್ವ)

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/01/ಶಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯಿ/2026-27 ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-1/2025-26/ 6376 DATED : 31-03-2026

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) ::

1) Detail of Work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER 4702-MOT FOR THE YEAR 2025-26, 2) Amount of Estimate: **Rs. 126,94,116.00**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class – 3 & Above, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As Per KPP Portal, E.M.D. Rs. 1,90,500.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : **10-04-2026 Up to 11.00 Hours**, 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **13-04-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **15-04-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **16-04-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 9) Addl. information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal.: **(https:// kppp.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/04/KSMC&A/2026-27

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division, 9th Floor, PUB, Bengaluru-560 001.

No:EE/SN/TEND/01/2026-27 Date: 02.04.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPPP only) (Quality and Cost Based Selection) website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Executive Engineer, (Shanthinagara Division), BCCC Bengaluru, invites bids for the following services from reputed Consultants. **Consultancy Services for Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the below works.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of 300 Bed Super Speciality Hospital at Shanthinagar. **Project Cost (₹ in Crores) 52.39, PMC Cost (₹ in Lakhs): 74.74, (EMD in ₹): 1,49,480/-.**
2.	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Comphrensive Development of Roads and Drains at areas in Ward No.166, Shanthinagara Ward No.168, Neelasandra Ward No.169, Vannarpet and Ward No.172 Agaram of Shanthinagar Constituency. **Project Cost (₹ in Crores) 10.00, PMC Cost (₹ in Lakhs): 10.00, (EMD in ₹): 25,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on **10.04.2026 at 3:30 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Central Zone-1, BCCC, 18th Floor, Public Utility Building, Bengaluru-560001. **(2)** Last Date for submission of tender documents on or before **16.04.2026 at 4:00 p.m. (3)** Technical Bids will be opened on **17.04.2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division, BCCC.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tender Notification No. 1) KNNL/GLBC-1/PB/2026-27/01 Dtd: 01.04.2026

Electronic percentage tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal plat form in KW-3 system in prescribed form are invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL GLBC Dn.No.1, Ghataprabha on behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd., Coffee Board Building Bangalore and from eligible Class-I contractors enrolled under KPWD and Category-III and above category contractor enrolled under KNNL

1. Work Details : 1 Nos. of Works under H/A 4701 M & MI Coming under KNNL GLBC Division No.1 Ghataprabha. 2. Tender Schedule for works is as follows Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 08.04.2026 upto 17:00:00 Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 10.04.2026 upto 11:00:00 Onwards Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid will intimate after approval of Technical bid. in the office of the The Executive Engineer KNNL GLBC Dn No.1,Ghataprabha.
3.Approximate Amount Put to Tender : Rs 160.80 lakhs.
4. EMD amount : Rs.2,41,200/-

For the details like Name of work, Eligibility of contractor, Tender conditions, Tender processing fee details refere website OR contact the undersigned during office hours (Ph No. (08332- 286223.).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL GLBC Dn.No.1,Ghataprabha.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through Karnataka public procurement portal for the below mentioned works.

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of Sub Registrar Office at Madanayakanahalli Village, Dasarahalli Hobli, Tumkuru Road, Bengaluru. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 734 & IFT No.178/2025-26 Date: 27.03.2026. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.1,88,60,386/-.

Last date for submission of bid: 16.04.2026 upto 4.00 PM

2	Construction of "Prajasoudha" Hoskote Taluk Adalitha Kendra at Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 733 & IFT No.177/2025-26 Date: 27.03.2026. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.11,96,23,607/-.

Last date for submission of bid: 27.04.2026 upto 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Poll vault

Exit stalled

Kannan Gopinathan quit the IAS in 2019, protesting against the curtailment of free speech in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370. The Union government has so far not processed his resignation, preventing him from moving on professionally or contesting elections. He joined the Congress last October, and there was speculation that he would contest from Palakkad. But not this time, as he technically remains a civil servant. "This is pure harassment and nothing else," he says.

SHEMIN JOY, NEW DELHI

Students sidelined

It has been almost a month since a government school in Gaighata, West Bengal, was shut, not for vacation, renovation or lack of staff, but because it has been designated to house paramilitary personnel to be deployed for the Assembly polls. Local authorities took over the Gaighata Sutia Barasat Palli Unnayan Vidyapith on March 2. However, with polling in the North 24 Parganas constituency scheduled for April 29, the paramilitary personnel have yet to arrive. The school's doors remain closed to students and are likely to stay shut for over eight weeks by the time the elections conclude – one of the many disruptions that accompany the festival of democracy.

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK, KOLKATA

Meet the leader

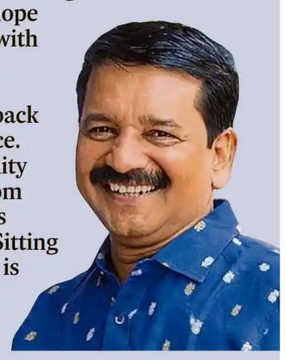
A Suresh
Malampuzha
Congress

In the first Assembly election in Kerala after the death of veteran Communist leader V S Achuthanandan, his former aide A Suresh is attempting to breach the CPM stronghold of Malampuzha in Palakkad — the constituency that elected Achuthanandan four times in a row, including during his tenure as chief minister from 2006 to 2011.

Suresh, once among Achuthanandan's closest associates before being expelled from the CPM on charges of leaking party secrets, is now contesting as a Congress candidate.

So far, the CPM has never lost Malampuzha and has consistently maintained a comfortable margin. Suresh, who served as Achuthanandan's personal assistant, was virtually his shadow during the latter's tenure as CM and later as Leader of the Opposition.

The Congress is now experimenting with his candidacy in Malampuzha, a seat where the party slipped to third place in the last two elections amid the BJP's surge.



Congress leaders hope Suresh's association with VS will draw the late leader's loyalists and help the party climb back to at least second place. However, the possibility of the BJP gaining from any split in CPM votes cannot be ruled out. Sitting MLA A Prabhakaran is once again seeking a mandate as the LDF candidate.

Trivia

In the 2006–2011 Kerala Left Front government led by VS Achuthanandan, all four MLAs of Kerala Congress (Joseph) went on to become ministers, even though the party had only one berth in the cabinet. After party chairman PJ Joseph resigned from the cabinet following allegations of misbehaviour with a woman on a flight, party MLA TU Kuruvilla was made minister. When Kuruvilla later resigned over a land scam, party MLA Mons Joseph was sworn in. Subsequently, PJ Joseph was acquitted and re-entered the cabinet. In 2010, when the party left the ruling front after merging with UDF ally Kerala Congress (Mani), its fourth MLA chose to remain with the Left Front and was inducted as a minister.

New game, new rules: Upper Assam plot twist likely this election

G-company, Sarma-Sonowal rift, Zubeen factor can impact BJP result

FROM THE GROUND

SUMIR KARMAKAR
JORHAT/TITABOR, DHNS

ASSAM
Assembly Poll

Barring a few flags near the party offices, no political activity is visible along the 30-km stretch of the state highway connecting Jorhat and Titabor in Upper Assam even as the Assembly elections are just a week away.

Nonetheless, on April 9, the spotlight will be on Jorhat and Titabor and on whether voters in the neighbouring constituencies repeat history by prioritising the candidates over parties.

The former has elected Hitendra Nath Goswami for five terms since 1991, barring in 2006 and 2011. The latter had displayed allegiance to the Gogoi family since 2001 by electing former chief minister Tarun Gogoi four times till 2016.

"The trend this time may change," said Ujjiban Sekhar Goswami, a private school teacher in Titabor while referring to the change in political equation across Upper Assam.

Congress's Gaurav Gogoi, who is making his Assembly election debut, is not contesting from his family's stronghold Titabor. Instead, he is contesting against BJP veteran Hitendra Nath Goswami in Jorhat.

New alliance

Many here believe that the electoral outcomes in Upper Assam may make a shift this time given the "acceptability and influence" of the three Gogois — Gaurav, Akhil and Lurinjyoti — who joined hands for the first time with a target to oust BJP and its allies.

Tea garden workers at Duflating tea estate in Titabor.
DH PHOTO

Akhil's Raijor Dal and Lurinjyoti's Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP)has influence in Upper Assam. Akhil and Lurinjyoti are contesting from Sivasagar and Khowang, respectively. Akhil was elected to the Assembly in 2021 while AJP is yet to taste electoral success.

Identity politics

While the Opposition alliance is trying to corner BJP over its failure to accord ST status to six ethnic communities in Upper Assam, the latter is banking on Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's "anti-Miya" narrative.

"Congress had welcomed the infiltrators for votes," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while campaigning at tribal-dominated Gogamukh in North Assam on Wednesday.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, who addressed a rally a few minutes later at Nazira in Upper Assam, said, "BJP is spreading unwanted fear for votes."

Focus on tea gardens

The ruling BJP has constantly tried to keep its vote bank in tea gardens intact by doling out several schemes, including land pattas, one-time cash and schemes for women. Sabita Bhuyan, a worker at Duflating tea estate in Titabor, said, "We have been asked to fill up the form now so that the land patta can be given after the polls."

A Congress supporter told *DH* that BJP was luring voters in the region with the promise of land. Tea garden workers live inside tea estates but without legal rights over the plots.

An internal rift between Sarma and former chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal may also influence outcomes.

BJP's decision to replace Sonowal with Sarma (from lower Assam origin) after the Assembly polls victory in 2021 upset many.

Zubeen factor

There is also a strong undercurrent against Sarma and BJP here over popular singer Zubeen Garg's death case. "Sarma publicly promised to ensure justice to Zubeen da's family and fans before the elections. Now, he is making a flip-flop. All these may go against BJP," a government employee said in Jorhat

Cong makes 11 'commitments' in manifesto

JORHAT, DHNS: The Opposition Congress on Thursday listed 11 "commitments" in its manifesto for the April 9 Assam Assembly elections, including the formation of an anti-corruption panel and addressing six more ethnic communities' long-pending demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

The manifesto was released on a day party leader Rahul Gandhi addressed two rallies, in which he attacked Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and announced that if Congress comes to power, it will initiate legal action against the latter for alleged corruption and land grab.

Rahul, along with the party's state unit chief Gaurav Gogoi and other leaders, campaigned in Harihajan in the tribal-dominated Karbi Anglong and at Kasojan in the Titabor constituency in the Jorhat district.

BJP meets TMC's fish-mutton swipe at Shah with veg thali jab

KOLKATA, DHNS

WEST BENGAL
Assembly Poll

When Home Minister Amit Shah announced his plans to spend 15 days in poll-bound West Bengal to ensure the BJP's victory, the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Thursday dished out a cheeky welcome for him.

"Bengal welcomes tourists with open arms," the TMC posted on X, soon after Shah, in a BJP rally in Kolkata's Bhabanipur, announced his plan to spend 15 days in the state ahead of the April 23 and 29 polling.

The TMC then went on to suggest that Shah — a vegetarian like many BJP stalwarts — try signature non-vegetarian Bengali dishes: Muri Ghonto (fish-head curry), Pabda Macher Jhal (spicy butterfish curry), Ilish Bhapa (steamed hilsa fish), Chingri Malai Curry (prawn coconut curry), Bhetki Paturi (Asian Seabass steamed in banana leaf), and Kosha Mangsho (slow-cooked mutton curry).

The culinary crack followed TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent warning that Bengalis might be denied fish, mutton, and eggs if the BJP was allowed to come to power in the state.

The BJP did not take the jibe lying down. "Another new low of Trinamool. Knowing very well that @AmitShah ji is a vegetarian, TMC stooped down to showcase a non-veg thali in front of him [sic]," Keya Ghosh, a state BJP leader, hit back on X, adding: "Or maybe Trinamool is unaware of our veg delicacies [sic]".

She then listed a full-course Bengali vegetarian meal that included Luchi (puffed flatbread made of refined wheat flour), Basanti Pulao (saffron rice), Shada Bhaat (plain rice) or Ghee Bhaat (rice with ghee), and items, like Enchorer Dalna (jackfruit curry), Pataler Dolma (stuffed pointed gourd), Chhanar Dalna (cheese curry) and Alu Posto (potatoes in poppy-seed paste).

NOMINATION ROADSHOW

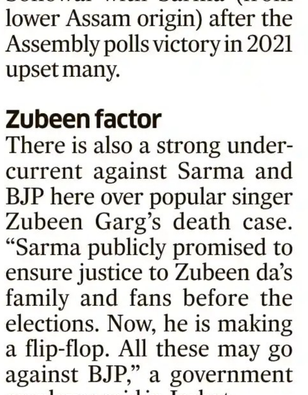
TVK chief and candidate from the Tiruchirappalli East constituency, Vijay, during a roadshow en route to filing his nomination for Tamil Nadu Assembly elections in Tiruchirappalli. PTI

TMC bets on anti-BJP anger as SIR hits Matuas

With 17% population, the community can sway poll results

FROM THE GROUND

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
BANGAON, DHNS



Matuas protest deletion from the electoral rolls in West Bengal's Bagda.
DEBOSHREE CHATTERJEE

Madhuparna Thakur walks through Dhulani with folded hands, Sushil Biswas makes his way through the crowd to speak to her.

"Ma", the elderly villager draws the attention of the 26-year-old Trinamool Congress (TMC) candidate, and tells her, "How can we vote for you this time? They have struck us off the list."

Biswas and 10 others of his family are among more than 100 villagers in the tiny hamlet of Bagda in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district who lost the right to vote, thanks to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

"My son is a soldier in the Indian Army. He took a short leave only to attend the SIR hearing. He submitted all the documents... but they deleted all of us from the rolls, including my son," Biswas said.

"It is the BJP that got you all deleted from the electoral rolls," Madhuparna, a TMC member, tells Biswas. "Our leader, Mamata Banerjee, is fighting for all of you. The TMC will not rest until your voting rights are restored."

Biswas and the majority of his neighbours in Dhulani are Matuas – a religious sect born out of a reformist movement led by Harichand Thakur. The Matuas now account for nearly 17% of the state's population, and they hold the power to sway the poll results not only in Bagda and nearby Bangaon Uttar, Bangaon Dakshin, Gaighata, Swarupnagar and Habra, but also in about 40 other Assembly constituencies in the state.

Nerve centre split

No wonder both TMC and its principal challenger, BJP, have been competing with each other to win the hearts of the Matuas, and, in the process, vertically split Thakur Bari — the community's spiritual nerve centre in India. One faction is headed by Madhuparna's mother, Mamata Bala Thakur, a TMC member in the Rajya Sabha, while Shantanu Thakur, Union Minister and the BJP's member in the Lok Sabha, leads the other.

Haradhan Mandal, 76, has been living in Bagda since 1964. "I have land records dating back to 1988. I have been voting for a long time, but they struck me off the roll this time," he says.

Madhuparna hopes to reap the political dividends out of the simmering anger among the Matuas to beat the BJP's bet in Bagda, Soma Thakur, her sister-in-law and Shantanu's wife. "The SIR of the electoral rolls may have caused some problems for the Matuas, but all these are temporary. The voting rights of all will be restored," says Soma.

Shantanu's brother, Subrata Thakur, who is a TMC member, is seeking re-election on a BJP ticket from Gaighata.

Shantanu has been advising the Matuas, who had been struck off the electoral rolls, to take advantage of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

"The BJP leaders have been trying to mislead the Matuas into the CAA trap. The Matuas have been living in this country for decades. Why do they need to apply for citizenship?" Mamata Bala questions. "Most of the Matuas do not have documents required for the CAA process".

Electoral Promises

LDF	UDF
1 Increase welfare pension to Rs 3,000	1 Welfare pension of Rs 3,000
2 Rs 2 lakh crore investment in 5 years	2 Free travel for women in state transport buses
3 Bring 5 lakh families above poverty	3 Rs 1,000 monthly assistance for college-going girls
4 Increase women's participation in the workforce to 50%	4 Health insurance coverage of Rs 25 lakh for every household
5 Menstrual leave in government-linked institutions	5 Rs 5 lakh interest-free loans for youngsters to start businesses
6 All state PSUs to be made profitable with a total turnover of over Rs 10,000 crore by 2031	6 Dedicated department to deal with issues of the elderly
7 'Back to campus' scheme to impart skills for employment	7 'No-bill hospitals' like JIPMER
8 MSP of Rs 300 for rubber and Rs 35 for paddy	8 Free dialysis for patients from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families

INTERVIEW

Satheesan calls Congress CM face projection 'unfair'

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
PARAVUR (KOCHI), DHNS

KERALA
Assembly Poll

Leader of the Opposition in Kerala Assembly **V D Satheesan**, who is helming the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) in the state elections, calls the projection of some Congress leaders as chief-ministerial candidates "unfair". Responding to recent statements by senior party leaders P J Kurian and K Sudhakaran backing former home minister Ramesh Chennithala for the top job, Satheesan, in an interview to *DH*'s **Arjun Raghunath**, said the CM would be decided after the elections, as had happened in Telangana and Karnataka.

Election campaigns are entering the final laps. What are your expectations now?

The UDF will definitely come back with more than 100 seats in the 140-member House.

What are the positive factors for the UDF?

For the last five years, we have been winning all the by-elections. We had a very good performance in the Lok Sabha elections as well. In the local body elections, we received the biggest victory of the last 30 years. Now we are very well prepared. There is a huge anti-incumbency against the CPM-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) government. People believe that when the UDF comes back, there will be changes in Kerala.

Some Congress leaders are being projected as future Kerala CMs. Will it affect the UDF's prospects?

That is very unfair. The AICC has some procedures. We announce our CM candidate only after elections, just like it happened in Karnataka and Telangana.

Will the CPM's "Congress deal with BJP" allegation affect the support of the minority community to the UDF?

The minorities know very well about the CPM. They are opportunist politicians. Sometimes they are with the RSS. Now they are with the SDPI (Social Democratic Party of India). The minorities are very well aware of this.

Why is CM Pinarayi Vijayan hesitating to openly admit the SDPI's support to the LDF?

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the SDPI supported the UDF. Within hours, I convened a press conference and openly rejected their support. We are the first coalition to reject support at the peak of campaigning. Unfortunately, our CM is mum about the SDPI connection. He is an opportunist. He has connections with the RSS as well as the SDPI. The people are quite aware of these deals.

What do you think is the reason for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the Sabarimala issue in his address in Palakkad?

There is an unholy nexus between the BJP and the CPM. The BJP is not ready to accuse the CPM.

Do you anticipate a hung Assembly in Kerala as the BJP is pinning hopes on several seats?

Never. There are triangular fights in only 10 seats. Even then, there is no possibility for the BJP to win. It won't win a single seat in Kerala. The LDF is the main opponent here.

What is your expectation about your constituency, Paravur, this time?

I have been winning from here for the last 25 years. I am celebrating my 25th year here. Every time, people have given me a bigger margin. I captured the seat from the LDF and started with a margin of around 7,000. In the last election, the margin increased to around 22,000.

AAP removes Raghav Chadha as RS deputy leader; Mittal to take over

'Move comes after his refusal to sign CEC removal notice'

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

AAP on Thursday removed Raghav Chadha as its Deputy Leader in Rajya Sabha and appointed Ashok Mittal in his place, signalling a breakdown in the relationship between the flamboyant MP and the party leadership.

Sources said AAP has conveyed its decision to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat through a letter and asked not to allot time for speaking in the House from the AAP's quota. There was no immediate reaction from Chadha, the second AAP MP after Swati Maliwal to have fallen out with the leadership.

There is no official word from the party on the reasons for removing Chadha, but sources said the leadership has not taken lightly the Punjab MP's refusal to sign a notice seeking removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar despite floor leader Sanjay Singh's instructions and staying back in the House when the Opposition walks out protesting against the government.

DH had on March 2 reported that Chadha's silence over AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal getting court relief in the liquor scam case and his absence at a rally to celebrate the development in February had not gone well with the leadership.

Mittal sought to downplay the developments, saying changes in leadership positions are a continuous process, and rejected suggestions that Chadha was leaving the party, calling it "just rumour".

"ND Gupta was deputy leader earlier, then Chadha took over, and now I have been given the responsibility. Tomorrow, someone else may get the opportunity. The party wants every MP and leader to learn and gain experience in different roles, and this responsibility has been given to me to develop administrative and political skills," Mittal said.

The 37-year-old MP has been with the AAP since its inception in 2012 and is considered close to Kejriwal, who had made him

AAP MP Raghav Chadha during the Budget session of Parliament on Thursday. PTI

the party's national treasurer as well as a member of the Political Affairs Committee, the highest decision-making body of the AAP, besides being an MLA and Rajya Sabha MP.

Chadha, a chartered accountant by profession, was key to Kejriwal's plans, as he was brought to the Rajya Sabha two years into his MLA term and was appointed Vice Chairman of the Delhi Jal Board.

Chadha was also made an advisor to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann when the party formed government in the state.

His distancing from the leadership was witnessed from March 2024 after Kejriwal's arrest ahead of Lok Sabha elections. Chadha was abroad for an eye surgery then but remained away during Kejriwal's nearly six-month incarceration and met him only a few days after his release in September 2024.

Chadha has been sidelined from campaigns and organisational matters in other states. Chadha was seen as Kejriwal's eyes and ears in Punjab, and his interventions were said to be resented by Punjab AAP leaders. He was also part of the AAP team headed by Kejriwal that attended the first meeting of the Opposition bloc, which was later christened I.N.D.I.A bloc.

Transgender bill may risk hard-won rights: UNHR

NEW DELHI, PTI

The United Nations Human Rights (UNHR) on Thursday expressed concern over the passage of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026, saying it may undermine the hard-won rights of transgender people.

In a post on X, the UNHR said it regretted the swift passage of the bill without adequate consultation with stakeholders.

"We regret the fast passage of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026, without adequate stakeholder consultation," it said.

"The amendments risk setting back hard-won rights of transgender people, replacing self-identification with mandatory medical verification processes," it said.

The UNHR said India has been a pioneer in recognising the rights of transgender and gender-diverse people.

"India has been a pioneer for the rights of transgender & gender-diverse people. This Bill will have far-reaching impacts on the right to privacy & risk marginalisation of transgender people," it added.

President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to the Bill on March 30. The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed the Bill, after the Lok Sabha cleared the legislation.

Opposition MPs had slammed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026, for excluding gays and lesbians from its ambit.

According to a law ministry notification dated March 30, the amended law will come into effect on a date appointed by the central government through a notification in the official gazette.

During debates in both Houses of Parliament, while the government said the objective is to protect transgender persons, the opposition slammed the proposed legislation alleging that it took away the right to self-determination of identity, such as gay and lesbian individuals, and demanded that it be sent to a standing committee for proper consultations.

The Bill seeks to give a precise definition of the term "transgender" and exclude "different sexual orientations and self-perceived sexual identities" from the ambit of the proposed law. It underlines that a transgender person "shall not include, nor shall ever have been so included, persons with different sexual orientations and self-perceived sexual identities".

"The intent, object and purpose of the act is and was to protect a specified class of persons socially and culturally known as transgender people who face societal discrimination of an extreme and oppressive nature," the Bill says.

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(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 02/03/2026 ರಿಂದ 02/05/2026 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.30ರ ವರೆಗೆ (2) ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:02/05/2026ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.30ರ ವರೆಗೆ (3) ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ದಾಖಲಾತಿ) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 04/05/2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. (4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.59,00,000.00 (5) ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1,18,000.00 ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ:http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/10/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026–27

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ.

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only))

BESCOM invites tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for Procurement of following materials.

Sl. No.	Description	Enquiry No.
1	250 kVA, Star 2 (5 Star) Distribution Transformer Lot-1	BESCOM/202526/IND0220
2	250 kVA, Star 2 (5 Star) Distribution Transformer Lot-2	BESCOM/202526/IND0221
3	250 kVA, Star 2 (5 Star) Distribution Transformer Lot-3	BESCOM/202526/IND0222
4	250 kVA, Star 2 (5 Star) Distribution Transformer Lot-4	BESCOM/202526/IND0223

Bid Documents available from : **04.04.2026 onwards,** Last date for Bid Submission : **04.05.2026, 17:00 Hrs.** Opening of Bid Document : **05.05.2026 at 17:15 Hrs.**

The Tender can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal web-site **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Aspiring Bidders need to register on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with Karnataka Public Procurement Portal help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000 +91-8068948777, 09240214000 & 09240214001) or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com**

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Elec), Procurement, BESCOM, 4th Floor, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 001

For Electricity Related Complaints Call: 1912
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KARNATAKA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
Ugrana Bhavan, No.43, Primrose Road, Bangalore-560025.
Fax: 080-29533673, Phone No: 080-29533679
Email : kswc.eng@gmail.com

SHORT TERM 'E' TENDER NOTIFICATION

No.KSWC/ENG/02/F-73/2026-27 **DATE : 02.04.2026**

1. The Managing Director, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation, Bangalore invites e-tender for Construction of balance warehouse works at Koteshwara in Kundapura (TQ) & Udupi (Dist). Tender form may be downloaded from https: kppp.karnataka.gov.in. **Amount put to Tender** : Rs.449.92 Lakhs. **EMD** : Rs. 6,75,000/-.
2. Prescribed EMD should be paid through online while submitting the tender.
3. E-Tendering should be submitted in two cover system containing "Technical Bid and Financial Bid". Financial bids of the bidder those who qualify in Technical bid will be opened.

CALENEDR OF EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1.	Pre Bid meeting	10.04.2026 at 15.00 Hours
2.	Date of uploading Queries Clarifications	13.04.2026 up to 17.30 Hours
3.	Last date for receipt of Tender	17.04.2026 up to 17.30 Hours
4.	Opening of Technical Bid	20.04.2026 up to 16.30 Hours
5.	Opening of Financial Bid	22.04.2026 up to 17.30 Hours

4. The Contractor should be produce the original document at the time of opening of technical bid. After preparing the list of eligible contractors by scrutinizing technical bid. Financial bids of eligible contractors will be opened at the Head Office in the presence of the contractors.
5. Managing Directors reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.
6. Further details can be had from the above said office of the undersigned during working hours.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

DIPR/CP/23/AKAR/2026-27

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY
K B CROSS TO CHUNCHANAHALLI SECTION (NATIONAL HIGHWAY 150A)
TUMKUR DISTRICT, TUMKUR

PUBLIC NOTICE
(UNDER SECTION 3(G) OF N.H. ACT 1956)

S.O. 797(E), Date: 16.02.2026 - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **1435(E) Dated:26/03/2025** , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of **NH150A in the stretch of land from Km. Design Ch. 485+240 Km (Existing Km 494.000) to Design Ch. 523+393 Km (Existing km 533.152) & From Design Ch. 530+393 (Existing Km 540.175) to Design Ch.534+476 (Existing Km 544.200 (K B Cross to Chunchanahalli Section) in the district of MANDYA in the state of KARNATAKA.**

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in **"The Times of India" dated 09/04/2025 , "Prajavani" dated 09/04/2025 ;** under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances. The land owners can submit their statements if any, along with relevant property documents to the below address.

Name of the Villages	Enquiry Date and Time	The place where the land owners / interested persons have to appear & submit / their claims
NAGAMANGALA TALUK: Thavarekere, Karijeeranahalli, Karabylu, Nelligere,	17-04-2026 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM	GRAM PANCHAYATH OFFICE, NELLIGERE, BELLURU HOBLI, NAGAMANGALA TQ., MANDYA DIST.

Sd/-
Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority
National Highway, Tumkur Branch,
Impana Arcade, 8th Cross,
Upparahalli Main Road, Tumkur-572102.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. Design Ch. 485+240 Km (Existing Km 494.000) to Design Ch. 523+393 Km (Existing km 533.152) & From Design Ch. 530+393 (Existing Km 540.175) to Design Ch.534+476 (Existing Km 544.200 (K B Cross to Chunchanahalli Section) on NH 150A in the district of MANDYA in the state of KARNATAKA.

STATE: KARNATAKA **DISTRICT: MANDYA**

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectares	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
TALUK: NAGAMANGALA					
VILLAGE: THAVAREKERE					
1	17/3	Private	Dry	0.145	K. Ananda s/o Arasaiah (17/4) Hucchamma w/o Late Narasegowda, Chandregowda K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Krishnegowda K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Radha K N D/o Late Narasegowda, Ramesh K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Umesh K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Bhagya K N D/o Late Narasegowda, Hucchamma w/o Late Narasegowda, Chandregowda K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Krishnegowda K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Radha K N D/o Late Narasegowda, Ramesh K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Umesh K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Bhagya K N D/o Late Narasegowda, Jayamma w/o Javaraiah,Ramakrishna s/o Late Narasaiah, Sannamma w/o Late Ugraiah,Hucchamma w/o Late Narasegowda, Chandregowda K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Krishnegowda K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Radha K N D/o Late Narasegowda, Ramesh K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Umesh K N s/o Late Narasegowda, Bhagya K N D/o Late Narasegowda (17)
2	19	Private	Dry	0.265	M. Priyadarshini D/o H.B. Gangadharagowda, K. Ramayya s/o Vairamudaiah, Land acquisition for Hassan- Bangalore railway broad gauge, Jayamma w/o Late Gavirangaiah, Krishnamurthy s/o Late Kaalaiah, Siddaraju s/o Late Kaalaiah
Village: Karijeeranahalli					
3	35/2	Private	Dry	0.015	Thimmegowda s/o Dasegowda, Y.H.Krishnappa s/o Hanumathegowda Urf Kariyappa
4	35/3	Private	Dry	0.08	Nagaraju s/o Narayanashetty
5	35/4	Private	Dry	0.015	Kalyani D/o Ninga
Village: Karabylu					
6	31/2	Private	Dry	0.035	N. Ganesh s/o Nanjappagowda
7	31/3	Private	Dry	0.0925	Lakshmamma w/o Ko Gangappa
8	31/5	Private	Dry	0.245	Land acquisition for the construction of Veer Vaishnava River bridge on National Highway 48, Jayamma w/o Late Bhadradasappa
9	67/11	Private	Dry	0.035	Jayamma w/o Halappagowda
10	67/5A	Private	Dry	0.015	Doddamma Com N G Ramanna, Maalamma com Shivayya, Jayamma com Gangappa, Bettalingegowda bin late ganganna, Jayamma com Somashekhar, nagaraju bin Gangappa, Ramnkrishna n G bin late ganaganna, Ramnegowda bin late ganaganna, Manjula com lakshmanagowda, usha
11	67/6	Private	Dry	0.005	Jayamma w/o Gangappa
12	67/7	Private	Dry	0.0225	S.K Praveenkumar s/o Late Kaalegowda Urf Kaalaiah, Kumar. K s/o Late Kaalegowda Urf Kaalaiah
Village: Nelligere					
13	18/1	Private	Dry	0.185	Kempamma w/o Ningegowda
14	19/1	Private	Dry	0.0175	Dharmalingegowda s/o Ningegowda
15	19/2	Private	Dry	0.05	PARVATHAMMA 19/2
16	20	Private	Dry	0.1214	Puttamma w/o N. Gangappa
17	23/1	Private	Dry	0.105	Jayalakshmi w/o Late N.G Suresha
18	25/3	Private	Dry	0.15	B.S Girisha s/o Srinivasa
19	26/1	Private	Dry	0.08	Kumara s/o Shivaiah
20	28/14	Private	Dry	0.03	Lakshmidevi w/o Late Narasimhegowda
21	28/15	Private	Dry	0.0125	Mariyamma w/o Ramu
22	28/2	Private	Dry	0.0475	Ananda s/o Late Singrigowda
23	30/1	Private	Dry	0.1025	Basavalingegowda Urf Krishnegowda s/o Marilingegowda
24	31/1	Private	Dry	0.005	Gangappagowda
25	31/10	Private	Dry	0.02	Usha w/o Late N. Srinivasa
26	31/19	Private	Dry	0.0425	Moodligirigowda s/o Narasegowda
27	31/4	Private	Dry	0.115	N.B Krishnegowda s/o Late Byategowda
28	31/5	Private	Dry	0.03	Puttathimmamma w/o Thaye Thimmamma
29	31/8	Private	Dry	0.03	V.V Ramu s/o Late Venkatesha, Srinivasa. H s/o Late Hanumanthappa, N. Gangamma w/o Late T. Narasimhaiah
30	31/9	Private	Dry	0.015	N.K Pradeep s/o Late N.B Krishnegowda
31	4/16	Private	Dry	0.06	Lakshmidevi w/o Late Narasimhegowda
32	4/2	Private	Dry	0.005	Doreswamy s/o Muddegowda
33	40/4	Private	Dry	0.05	Meenakshi w/o V.K Nagesh, Vasanthamma w/o Hombegowda
34	5/2	Private	Dry	0.06	Jayalakshmi w/o Somashekara
35	5/3	Private	Dry	0.0025	Doreswamy s/o Muddegowda
36	5/4	Private	Dry	0.0625	N. Jayaramegowda, Ningamma, Lakshmiprasanna s/o Late Lakkannagowda
37	67	Private	Dry	0.0375	N. Nanjappa s/o Ningegowda
38	69	Private	Dry	0.045	Chalamma w/o Karpaiah
39	7/3	Private	Dry	0.03	Usha w/o Late N. Srinivasa, T Ramu bin Thimmegowda
40	7/4	Private	Dry	0.0325	Kempamma w/o M Ningegowda
41	8/10	Private	Dry	0.01	N.G. Thammannagowda s/o N. Gangadharagowda
42	8/13	Private	Dry	0.055	Shivappa s/o Late L Boregowda, S. Lakshmi W/o Shivappa
43	8/14	Private	Dry	0.06	Manjamma w/o N. Ramalingegowda
44	8/3	Private	Dry	0.0075	N. Ratnamma w/o G. Chikkanna, Manjappa. M S/o Muddiraiah
45	8/6B	Private	Dry	0.0575	Sannappa s/o Kariyappa, Jayamma w/o Dasappa
46	8/9	Private	Dry	0.025	Mayamma w/o Thirumalegowda
47	9/4A1	Private	Dry	0.0101	Mayamma w/o Thirumalegowda
48	9/7	Private	Dry	0.0606	Manjula w/o Lakshmanagowda
			Total	2.7996	

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SHAIKH AMINKHAN, Director

India urges de-escalation at UK meet on West Asia

Says return to diplomacy key to resolving crisis

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Thursday urged a return to diplomacy to resolve the ongoing crisis in West Asia.

Vikram Misri

He represented India at a UK-hosted virtual meeting of over 40 nations, which focused on ensuring the safety and security of global shipping routes through the volatile Strait of Hormuz.

The meeting was held amid Iran's partial blockade of the strategic waterway, which has severely disrupted global oil and gas supplies.

Misri articulated India's position on protecting international shipping lanes in the region, amid Iran's partial blockade of the strategic waterway that has caused severe disruptions to global oil and gas supplies.

The MEA said in a statement that Misri emphasised the impact of the crisis on India's energy security and the fact that it remains the "only country to have lost mariners in attacks on merchant shipping in the Gulf".

"He also underlined that the way out of the crisis consisted of de-escalation and a return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue among all parties concerned," the statement said.

Global oil and gas prices have surged after Iran virtually blocked the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow shipping lane between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, that handles roughly 20% of global oil and LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas). West Asia has been a major source of India's energy procurement.

'Free and open'

Earlier in the day, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal at his weekly media briefing said, "As far as India is concerned, we stand for free and open commercial shipping and for maritime security in keeping with international law."

"We continue to call for ensuring safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz as a matter of priority," he said.

Jaiswal said the UK invited several countries, including India, for talks on the Strait of Hormuz, and Misri attended it.

"We are in touch with Iran and other countries to see how best we can get unimpeded and safe transit for our ships, which are carrying products including LPG and LNG," Jaiswal said.

IAF's grounded Tejas fleet may take to the sky by next week

Fleet was under a routine maintenance check after February accident

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The grounded Tejas LCA fleet of the Indian Air Force is likely to fly again by as early as next week following a round of regulatory checks, a top official said on Thursday, nearly six weeks after the IAF suspended flying of its two squadrons of homegrown fighter jets.

"The local modification committee (of the certifying authority) detected the problem and issued a one-time check. By next week, the planes should fly after carrying out the check," DK Sunil, CMD of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, said here.

As many as 34 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft Mk-1 of the IAF were put under a "routine maintenance check" in the wake of an accident at a forward base in February, injuring the pilot. HAL officials said the problem was related to the braking system of the homegrown aircraft.

HAL readies 18 LCA Mk-1A; a steady supply of GE engines is yet to resume.

The IAF's wait for the more advanced Tejas LCA Mk-1A, however, gets longer as HAL needs to first finish two pending tests and subsequently work out a new delivery timeline in consultation with the force, taking into account new engine delivery commitments from General Electric.

The manufacturer has so far received only six F-404 engines from GE, but the US major promised to supply 20 more in the second half of 2026. The sixth one was handed over in Chicago on Thursday.

The aviation major has readied 20 Tejas LCA Mk-1A so far, but more are in the pipeline. It also carried out a series of trials, including firing the Astra beyond visual range missile and the advanced short-range air-to-air missile from a single pod.

But two critical pending tasks are firing two ASRAAMs simultaneously from the launch pod and "some improvement" on the radar. Both are likely to be completed this month.

Sources said the delay on GE's part in supplying the engines as per contracts was not due to the ongoing war in Iran.

Because of the delay in engine delivery, India has invoked the penalty clause in the contract under which a liquidated damage charge is imposed on every delivery made after the contracted supply schedule.

According to sources, the contract includes a provision under which if there is a delay in the delivery of F-404 engines for the LCA, liquidated damages will be imposed on GE Aviation.

"The cost is being imposed as per the contract. HAL will also pay similar damages to the IAF for the delayed delivery of the combat jets," sources said.

Iran attack: Govt denies talks during PM's Israel visit

NEW DELHI, PTI

Citing the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Israel on February 25-26, the Centre was on Thursday asked in the Rajya Sabha whether the government was aware of the military attack on Iran that took place days later, to which it replied that "no discussions took place related to the matter".

The conflict began on February 28 after the US-Israel combine launched military strikes on Iran. Tehran retaliated by attacking countries in the Gulf, which host American bases.

Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) Rajya Sabha MP from Kerala, Abdul Wahab, asked the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for the details of agreements, MoUs and other pacts signed between India and Israel during Modi's visit in February, including their purposes.

Part (b) of the question asked whether the government was "aware of the recent military attack on Iran the following day" and, if so, the details thereof.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem. PTI FILE

"At the invitation of the prime minister of Israel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid a state visit to Israel on February 25-26. During the visit, the two prime ministers engaged in comprehensive discussions covering the entire gamut of the India-Israel partnership, as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest," Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, said in a written response to the query.

During the visit, several agreements, MoUs, protocols, and letters of intent were signed, including in areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, fisheries and aquaculture, education, financial services, digital payments, mobility of workers and geophysical exploration, Singh said.

"No discussions took place related to the matter referred to in part (b) of the question," the minister said.

The MEA was also asked what actions the government has taken to "manage and de-escalate the situation in the Persian Gulf and to protect India's strategic, energy and citizen interests".

"The government of India continues to closely monitor the evolving situation in West Asia. Since the start of the conflict, the prime minister has spoken to leaders of countries in the region, including Israel, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, the UAE, Jordan, as well as the USA," Singh said.

The external affairs minister (S Jaishankar) also spoke with his counterparts in Israel, Iran, the US and the GCC countries, he said.

India's defence exports cross Rs 38k cr, up 62% from last year

NEW DELHI, DHNS: India's annual defence exports rose to an all-time high of Rs 38,424 crore in 2025-26 — a more than 62% increase compared to last year — riding high on the performance of the defence public sector undertakings (PSUs), said the Defence Ministry here on Thursday.

"India's defence exports have touched a new all-time high with a record Rs 38,424 crore in FY 2025-26. It marks a robust 62.66% growth over the previous fiscal," said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in a social media post.

"This big jump of Rs 14,802 crore in defence exports reflects the growing global trust in India's indigenous capabilities and advanced manufacturing strength," he said.

Nearly 55% of exports came from PSUs, while the rest came from the growing private military business. The DPSUs contributed Rs 21,071 crore in exports in FY26, compared to Rs 8,389 crore in the last fiscal.

Bengaluru's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) delivered two Hindustan-228 (Dornier) aircraft to Jags Aviation in Guyana ahead of schedule and was likely to deliver three more in FY27.

"We have a turnover of Rs 32,250 crore in FY26 with exports around Rs 470 crore," said HAL chairman and managing director D K Sunil.

The private sector, on the other hand, accounts for Rs 17,353 crore worth of defence exports, compared to Rs 15,233 crore in the previous financial year. This record high figure indicated an increase by around three times in the past five years, said the defence ministry in a statement.

The rise, according to the ministry, highlighted the increasing global acceptance of Indian-made defence products and the sector's growing integration into international supply chains.

"Apart from being a successful global partner for systems/sub-systems, India is exporting defence equipment to more than 80 countries as of FY 2025-26. The number of exporters surged to 145 from 128, a 13.3% rise from the previous fiscal," it said.

Rahul jibe at govt over Central Armed Police Forces Bill

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused the government of "legally perpetuating" injustice on paramilitary personnel through a Bill that institutionalised IPS officers' deputation, impacting their promotions, and vowed to repeal the "discriminatory law" when his party comes to power.

On a day Parliament cleared the Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Bill, 2026, Rahul said in a video statement that Congress stands with paramilitary forces and will protect them.

He said he wanted to speak on the Bill in the Lok Sabha. But his request to make adjustments as he was touring Assam was declined.

The Congress leader said that paramilitary personnel were against discrimination, and the Supreme Court itself has questioned the system.

Govt puts 60% free flight seats plan on hold

MUMBAI, PTI: The government on Thursday "put in abeyance" its earlier direction to airlines to offer at least 60% of seats in a flight without levying any additional charge from April 20, according to sources.

On March 18, the civil aviation ministry announced that directions have been issued to the DGCA to direct airlines to allocate a minimum of 60 per cent of seats for selection on any flight free of any additional charges to ensure fair access for passengers.

"The matter has been reviewed in light of representations received from the Federation of Indian Airlines and Akasa Air, highlighting operational and commercial implications of the above provision, including its potential impact on fare structures and consistency with the prevailing deregulated tariff regime.

Rs 3.7 lakh cr cess transfer shortfall: CAG

NEW DELHI, PTI: A Rajya Sabha member from the RJD on Thursday flagged a significant shortfall in the central government's transfer of cess collections to designated funds, citing a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report that revealed lapses spanning five decades.

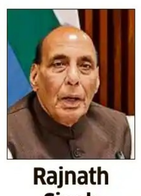
Raising the matter during Zero Hour, RJD MP A D Singh from Bihar said the CAG had found that as of FY 2023-24, the government failed to transfer as much as Rs 3.69 lakh crore of cess collections to their intended funds — with the earliest lapses dating back to 1974.

Singh highlighted several specific instances. The Oil Industry Development Board, he said, had Rs 902.40 crore collected between 1974-75 and 1991-92, with subsequent shortfalls resulting in a cumulative deficit of Rs 2.95 crore up to FY 2023-24.

'Misadventure' from Pak will invite decisive action: Rajnath

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PTI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said any "misadventure" from Pakistan in the prevailing situation would invite an "unprecedented and decisive" action.

Singh, speaking at a Sainik Samman Sammelan in poll-bound Kerala, said that following the April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives, India had destroyed the terrorist hideouts and infrastructure in Pakistan.



Rajnath Singh

He contended that after the Pahalgam attack, Indian forces, during Operation Sindoor, brought Pakistan to its knees within 22 minutes, and it was the biggest operation against terrorism yet.

"I would like to tell you the operation is not over yet. If such dirty actions are repeated by Pakistan, our armed forces will give a befitting reply that they will never forget. What will happen this time will be an unprecedented action," he said.

Singh further said in the prevailing situation, "Our neighbour (Pakistan) can do any misadventure".

"If it does so, then like I told you, India's action would be unprecedented and decisive," he asserted.

'Security strengthened'

The Union minister said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, national security has been strengthened, and the government's attitude and mode of action have changed.

This, he said, was evident from 'Operation Sindoor—India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack of April 2025 that claimed 26 lives.

He said that during the UPA governments, terror attacks were rampant in the country, with no action being taken against them. However, the NDA government has curbed terror attacks and taken decisive action against terrorism.

Singh will commission the indigenous stealth frigate Taragiri in Visakhapatnam on April 3.

Trinamool, BJP spar over judicial officers' confinement in Malda

KOLKATA, DHNS: Even as the police arrested 18 persons, including a candidate in the upcoming Assembly elections, for leading a mob that confined seven judicial officers in an office to protest against large-scale deletion of voters from the electoral rolls in West Bengal, the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and its principal challenger, the BJP, blamed each other for the incident in the Malda district on Thursday.

"The BJP has hatched many conspiracies, with the support of its government in New Delhi. (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah is preparing the blueprint of a conspiracy. I appeal to all of you not to fall into the trap," said West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee at a rally in Suti in Murshidabad.

"The BJP wants to trigger unrest, get the elections cancelled, and set the stage for imposition of President's Rule in the state."

Suvendu Adhikari, the BJP's de facto chief-ministerial candidate of the BJP in West Bengal, blamed the TMC, alleging that the ruling party had planned and organised the protest and the seven judicial officers' confinement.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a public rally in Murshidabad district, on Thursday. PTI

"This was planned by the top brass of the TMC in Kolkata under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee. The party's local leader, Sabina Yasmin, executed the plan on the ground," he alleged in Kolkata. Sabina is the TMC's candidate from Sujapur in Malda.

Seven judicial officers — including three women — were gheraoed and held hostage by a large number of villagers at Kaliachak in Malda late on Wednesday, apparently to protest against the mass disenfranchisement of people as a result of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. They were rescued by the police and paramilitary personnel in the early hours of Thursday.

Similar protests against large-scale voter deletions were reported from other places in Malda as well as the other districts on Wednesday and Thursday.

The police on Thursday arrested 18 people, including a candidate of the Indian Secular Front, for allegedly leading the mob that gheraoed the judicial officers in Malda.

"People have the right to protest, but nobody should take law into their own hands and do anything against the judges or the judicial officers," said Banerjee in Sagardighi. She slammed the Election Commission for failing to ensure the safety of the judicial officers.

The judicial officers are engaged in adjudicating the cases of voters placed in the "under adjudication" category in the list published after the SIR on February 28.

Bengal coal 'scam': ED raids premises of I-PAC executives

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday conducted fresh searches against two executives of political consultancy firm I-PAC, former AAP communication in-charge Vijay Nair and some others in connection with a money laundering case linked to the alleged coal scam in West Bengal, officials said.

The raids were undertaken at locations in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The premises of I-PAC co-founder and director Rishi Raj Singh in Bengaluru, that of Nair in Mumbai, and a senior executive in Delhi were among those covered, the officials said.

There was no immediate response from the AAP and I-PAC regarding the action against Nair.

The TMC in Kolkata described the ED action as the BJP's "desperate bid" to derail the party's ongoing election campaigns in West Bengal.

Over 20 Indian workers died abroad daily in last 5 years, 86% in Gulf countries: Govt data

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Over 20 Indian workers have died on foreign soil each day over the past five years, with most occurring in Gulf nations, the Union government has informed Parliament.

According to data provided by the Ministry of External Affairs in the Rajya Sabha, the total number of Indian worker fatalities abroad reached 37,740 between 2021 and 2025. A breakdown of the cause of these deaths was not provided.

The highest number of deaths occurred in 2021, with 8,234 Indian workers losing their lives abroad.

Following a dip to 6,614 deaths in 2022, casualties have risen steadily year on year, reaching 7,291 in 2023, 7,747 in 2024 and 7,854 in 2025, said MoS for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh in a written answer in the Upper House.

GRIM REALITY

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Gulf countries accounted for over 86% of these deaths. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia recorded the highest number of casualties — 12,380 and 11,757 deaths, respectively. They were followed by Kuwait (3,890), Oman (2,821), Malaysia (1,915), and Qatar (1,760).

During this period, Indian missions overseas received 80,985 complaints of abuse, exploitation, and workplace grievances from Indian nationals. The UAE accounted for the highest volume of these grievances, with 16,965 complaints registered between 2021 and 2025. It was followed by Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Malaysia and the Maldives recorded a significant number of labour issues, with 8,333 and 2,981 complaints registered, respectively. A significant number of complaints originated from Southeast Asian nations despite their reporting few casualties.

SC raps Raj govt for 'facilitating' illegal sand mining

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the Rajasthan government's decision to denotify 732 hectares of the National Chambal Sanctuary, saying it will not allow opening up of any reserve land meant for protected species. The court also described the mining mafia as dacoits.

A bench of Justices, comprising Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta, criticised the Rajasthan government for "facilitating" illegal sand mining and observed that traditional dacoity has been replaced by the mining mafia. The court said if the state claims, it cannot defend its natural resources, then it is absolute anarchy.

The court was hearing a suo motu case titled 'In Re: Illegal sand mining in the National Chambal Sanctuary and threat to endangered aquatic wildlife'.

SUPREME COURT

"The problem is that the state government has completely forgotten that there is a law called preventive detention. A similar thing took place in Jaisalmer, where all the windmills were destroyed by these mafias. Complete system was on the verge of collapse

The court said the state government has thrown in the towel, and a number of government officials, including sub-divisional magistrates and policemen, have been killed in Rajasthan by the mining mafia.

Referring to illegal sand mining in Rajasthan, the bench told the state counsel, "You are facilitating illegal mining."

Notification stayed

The court thus stayed the notification of December 23, 2025, issued by the state and notified on March 9, 2026.

"Have you been to that location? Go and see how fragile it is. Gharials are now virtually on the verge of extinction. Not only gharials, so many aquatic animals," the bench told the state counsel.

The amicus curiae, in the matter, referred to a separate proceeding pending before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) since 2022 on the same issue and added that no eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) has been defined by Rajasthan till date.

The amicus said once it is denotified, it becomes a revenue land. "That is why they don't declare the eco-sensitive zone. We have seen that in Ranthambore. We have seen that in Sariska," the bench said.

"The problem is that the state government has completely forgotten that there is a law called preventive detention. A similar thing took place in Jaisalmer, where all the windmills were destroyed by these mafias. Complete system was on the verge of collapse," the bench said,

The court asked the counsel appearing for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to take instructions and file an affidavit within four weeks. The court fixed the matter for further hearing on May 11. The bench also directed for transfer of the matter pending before the NGT to this court.

Army operation death triggers controversy in J&K's Ganderbal

Family says slain man was civilian; leaders call for impartial inquiry

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

The killing of a 29-year-old man during an army operation in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district has triggered controversy, with his family contesting the official claim that he was a militant and political leaders calling for a transparent probe.

Security forces had launched a cordon-and-search operation in the Ahrama area on the night of March 31 following "specific inputs about militant presence". The army said one "terrorist" was killed in the operation after intermittent firing and that a weapon was recovered from the site.

The deceased has been identified as Rashid Ahmad Mughal.

Rashid's family, however, has disputed the army's claim. His brother, Ajaz Ahmad Mughal, said Rashid had left home a day earlier and did not return.

"He was not a militant. He was a civilian. He had completed his MCom and was working as a computer operator," he said, adding that police later called the family to identify the body.

Police officials have maintained that the case is under investigation. The Ganderbal station house officer said the deceased's antecedents are being verified. "We are ascertaining the facts. It is too early to say anything conclusively," the officer said, while confirming that a weapon had been recovered during the operation.

Officials have also indicated that one of Rashid's brothers is currently in Pakistan, a detail that is part of the ongoing background verification.

The incident has drawn political reactions across the spectrum.

People's Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti said people were alleging that the encounter could be "fake" and called for an impartial probe.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has now also sought a transparent inquiry into the incident, urging that the facts be established clearly and the process remain credible and accountable.

Disputed encounter killings have surfaced periodically in Jammu and Kashmir, often leading to investigations. The 2020 Shopian encounter case, in which three civilians from Rajouri were killed and later identified as non-militants, resulted in a police probe.

Earlier, the 2010 Machil fake encounter case had also led to legal action against army personnel.

Officials have in recent years highlighted a decline in local militant recruitment, with security agencies indicating that active local militants are now in double digits and fresh recruitment has remained almost nil over the past year. At the same time, anti-militancy operations continue based on intelligence inputs.

40 injured as swing collapses at Uttar Pradesh fair

LUCKNOW, DHNS: At least 40 people, including women and children, were injured when a swing collapsed at a fair in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar district.

According to reports, the incident happened late on Wednesday night at the fair, organised at Bhainsaha village on the occasion of Chaitra Poornima.

Reports said that the injured were admitted to the hospitals in Kushinagar and Gorakhpur, where the condition of around a dozen was stated to be critical. A majority of the injured were women and children.

Reports said that around 80 people were aboard the swing when it came crashing down with a thudding sound after taking two rounds. The incident triggered panic at the fair, and the people were seen running for safety thereafter.

Eye-witnesses said that a few people aboard the swing tried to draw the operator's attention to the cracking sound they heard as it went upwards, asking him to stop, but he did not pay any attention.

Reports said that senior officials and police reached the spot and launched rescue operations. Six ambulances were rushed to the spot to ferry the injured to the hospitals.

"The incident is being investigated... we will ensure strict action against those found responsible," said a senior official.

Telangana father, son assaulted for selling 'beef'

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

The Jagtial Police in Telangana are investigating a violent incident in which a Muslim father and his minor son were allegedly assaulted by a group of saffron-clad men who accused them of selling beef in their village.

The incident reportedly occurred in Jagtial district's Varshakonda village on Wednesday evening.

Mohammad Iqbal Qureshi (60) and his son Mohammad Anas Qureshi (16) were transporting meat in a small container when the mob allegedly attacked them. Videos circulating online showed the mob chanting 'Jai Shivaji', 'Jai Sri Ram', and 'Jai Bhavani'.

Anas sustained a fractured hand in the assault and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

A case has been registered at the Metpally Police Station in this regard. The police have reportedly identified four to five of the suspects and believe more than 15 individuals were involved in the incident.

Majlis Bachao Tehreek leader Amjed Ullah Khan has strongly condemned the attack, saying the victims—who were engaged in their routine work of selling beef—were allegedly attacked by a group of individuals identified as Hanuman Bhakts, dressed in saffron or orange attire.

The mob reportedly tied both father and son to a pillar near the Gandhi statue at the local bus stand and mercilessly assaulted them.

Khan termed the incident a "mob-lynching-style attack", stating that such acts—previously reported from northern states like UP, Haryana, and Bihar—were now starting to occur in Telangana.

He expressed concern over the deteriorating law-and-order situation, and said that with the Home and Law & Order portfolio being held by CM Revanth Reddy, such repeated incidents reflected a failure to ensure the safety and security for minorities.

HC overturns acquittal, convicts Amit Jogi in 2003 NCP leader murder case

BILASPUR, PTI: Nearly 23 years after the murder of NCP leader Ramavatar Jaggi, the Chhattisgarh High Court on Thursday convicted former CM Ajit Jogi's son Amit Jogi in the case, and directed him to surrender within three weeks, the CBI's counsel said.

A trial court had in 2007 acquitted Amit Jogi, president of the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J), founded by his late father.

The HC, however, reopened proceedings in the 2003 murder case last month following directions from the Supreme Court on an appeal by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The Supreme Court in November last year said though the CBI had filed the application after a significant delay, it was equally true that "the charges against respondent Amit Jogi were very grave, involving a conspiracy to murder a member of a rival political party".

Amit Jogi

On Thursday, a division bench of Chhattisgarh High Court's Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Arvind Kumar Verma set aside the acquittal of Amit Jogi, convicted him and issued the surrender directive, CBI counsel Vaibhav A Goverdhan said.

Reacting to the HC's order, Amit Jogi said injustice was done to him as he was previously acquitted and now declared guilty without being allowed to be heard. He expressed hope that the truth would prevail and that he would get justice from the Supreme Court.

On the other side, Satish Jaggi, son of the late Ramavatar Jaggi, welcomed the high court's verdict, saying, "Truth has won."

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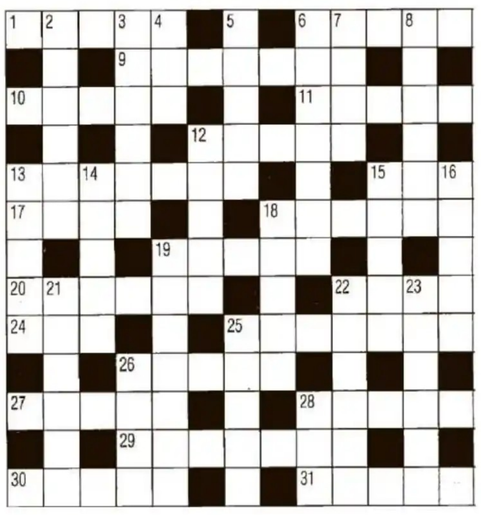

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ACROSS
1 Five boundaries? (5)
6 Acceptable letters about Ali (5)
9 Maybe a GI's one to suffer them (7)
10 A name in cigar manufacture (5)
11 With the bat, could he farm the bowling? (5)
12 Friendly islands, traditionally (5)
13 It's cooked in ovens (7)
15 A fifty-fifty total (3)
17 Not really a simpleton's school (4)
18 Enjoy something saucy (6)
19 Williams, out of this world? (5)
20 Sent for a taxi and went ahead (6)
22 Not so much of it! (4)
24 With a cry, he comes to a sticky end (3)
25 It's played, as in part of a cantata (7)
26 When one takes the lead, perhaps, it's perfect (5)
27 Where bachelors can join the artillery? (5)
28 In extremes of frenzy, she's sick (5)
29 Burdensome enough to turn one sour? (7)
30 Intended one to enter the police, shortly (5)
31 At long last, an army with spirit! (5)

DOWN
2 It's nice on the floor of the limo, honey (6)
3 Having been dried, is put in the wet (6)
4 For instance, a key part of breakfast? (3)
5 Chap a girl takes to, apparently (5)
6 They have no consuming interest where meat's concerned (7)
7 It has a minor peninsula (4)
8 Surprisingly, shifty ladies can have them (6)
12 Pulled or kicked out of the way (5)
13 Growing need for an old soldier to go to church (5)
14 There's something heady about being a toff! (5)
15 Helpers I had in a stormy sea (5)
16 Where a learner has to start again (5)
18 Truly hard to say when one is sozzled? (5)
19 Being green, Ted ran wild with Victor (7)
21 Stop certain things being still (6)
22 Generous yet slavish share (6)
23 Stops running for certain seats (6)
25 Transport by car and railway (5)
26 A one-man club? (4)
28 In part of Uganda, there's a bad atmosphere (3)

ACROSS
1 Era (5)
6 List (5)
9 Accountant (7)
10 Explosion (5)
11 Aviator (5)
12 Quick (5)
13 Sun-shade (7)
15 Not many (3)
17 Spoken (4)
18 Procession (6)
19 Wallow (5)
20 Smart (6)
22 Metal (4)
24 Owned (3)
25 Widely (7)
26 Bore (5)
27 Paper size (5)
28 Dialect (5)
29 Eat (7)
30 Short (5)
31 Conceit (5)

DOWN
2 Column (6)
3 Informal (6)
4 Shack (3)
5 Essential (5)
6 Current (7)
7 Dry (4)
8 Plundered (6)
12 Oarsman (5)
13 Pocket (5)
14 Assessed (5)
15 Died away (5)
16 Feeble (5)
18 Gemstone (5)
19 Rebuke (7)
21 Work (6)
22 Set of steps (6)
23 Nut (6)
25 Ecstasy (5)
26 Gaming cubes (4)
28 Rascal (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12386

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 4, Muscle (in) 7, Good time 8, T-WI-nge 10, Erase 13, Far-M 14, Disc 15, Mile 16, Me-G 17, Oner 19, Spur(s) 21, Protec-Ted 23, Mon.-O 24, Mo(l)st 26, Hat 27, Deep 29, A-tom 32, P-L-an 33, Pluto 34, Street 35, Evidence 36, Br-OK-en.
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EASY
ACROSS: 4, Delete 7, Adequate 8, Blazer 10, Stock 13, Main 14, Herr 15, Firm 16, Tot 17, Uses 19, Parr 21, Jewellery 23, Gale 24, Eats 26, Yob 27, Drag 29, Odin 32, Lead 33, Snare 34, Mutiny 35, Obsolete 36, Strain.
DOWN: 1, Harsh 2, Tenor 3, Rusk 4, Debar 5 Lean 6, Tremor 9, Limpet 11, Tee 12, Cruel 13, Mislead 15, Fee 16, Try 18, Sweden 20, Arson 21, Jab 22, Lag 23, Go bust 25, Fir 28, Rayon 30, Dated 31, Never 32, Lisa 33, Snow.

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SOLUTION TO 6869

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

P3	R1	U1	D2	E1	R1	Y4	RACK 1 =	89
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F4	E1	A1	T1	H4	E1	R1	RACK 4 =	89
T1	Y4	M3	P3	A1	N1	I1	RACK 5 =	92

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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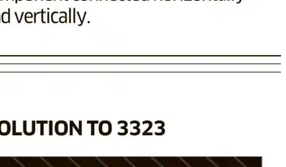

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ____ "____" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WORLD LADLE SWEATY CLAMOR
Answer: When the carpet store had a huge sale, customers were — WALL-TO-WALL

HITORI-3324

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SOLUTION TO 3323

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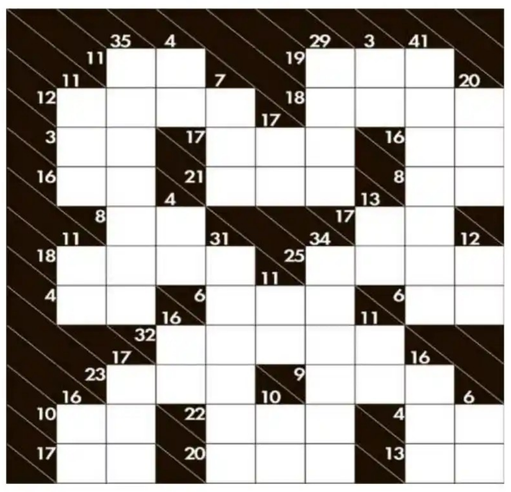
To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3324



SOLUTION TO 3323

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

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SOLUTION TO 3873

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To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

West Asia crisis: Action could include increased diplomatic pressure, sanctions

UK-led Hormuz talks demand 'immediate' reopening of strait

LONDON, AFP

A UK-led meeting of some 40 countries on the strait of Hormuz crisis wrapped up Thursday with a demand for the "immediate and unconditional" reopening of the vital shipping route, but no immediate breakthrough.

"Iran is trying to hold the global economy hostage in the Strait of Hormuz. They must not prevail," British foreign minister Yvette Cooper said in a statement.

"To that effect, partners today called for the immediate and unconditional reopening of the Strait and respect for the fundamental principles of freedom of navigation and the law of the sea," she added.

The strait has been virtually closed since the US-Israeli war against Iran started on February 28, impacting global supplies of important commodities including oil, liquid natural gas, and fertiliser.

That has led to a sharp rise in energy prices.

The foreign ministers and representatives who joined the call discussed a range of areas of "possible collective, coordinated, action," Cooper added.

This could include increased diplomatic pressure, including through the UN, as well as possible sanctions, she said.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meanwhile called Thursday for the UN Security Council to authorise the use of force to protect the key waterway.

Bahrain has proposed a draft resolution that would greenlight states to use "all necessary means" to assure free transit through the Strait of Hormuz.

However, the measure has divided the 15-member Security Council, with Russia, China and France -- who each hold veto privileges -- all voicing strong objections.

Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajanialso, who joined the virtual talks, called for a "humanitarian corridor" for fertiliser and other essentials through the strait to avoid a food disaster in Africa.

Cooper earlier slammed Iran's "recklessness" over the strait as she kicked off the virtual meeting.

She said Iran's blockade of the waterway was "hitting our global economic security".

Britain's Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper (2nd R), attends a virtual summit at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London, on Thursday, with around 35 countries to discuss ways of reopening the Strait of Hormuz. AP/PTI

ANTONIO GUTERRES
UN Secretary-General

"We are on the edge of a wider war that would engulf the Middle East with dramatic impacts around the globe."

Around a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passes through the strait in peacetime.

A total of 37 countries have signed a statement, first published last month, expressing "readiness to contribute to appropriate efforts to ensure safe passage through" the shipping lane.

Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands are among those to have signed it.

The United States, China, and most Middle Eastern countries have not, according to a list provided by the UK government.

The virtual meeting hosted by Britain came after Trump urged oil-importing nations to show "courage" and seize the narrow strait.

"The countries of the world that ... receive oil through the Hormuz Strait must take care of that passage," Trump said in a prime-time address late Wednesday.

"Just take it, protect it, use it for yourselves," he added.

Trump has said he would consider a ceasefire only when Hormuz is "free and clear".

Military op to 'liberate' Strait of Hormuz 'unrealistic': French Prez

SEOUL, AFP: French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday that a military operation to liberate the Strait of Hormuz is "unrealistic", while lamenting Donald Trump's differing daily statements on the Iran war and NATO.

"There are those who advocate for the liberation of the Strait of Hormuz by force through a military operation, a position sometimes expressed by the United States," Macron said during a visit to South Korea.

"I say sometimes because it has varied, it is never the option we have chosen and we consider it unrealistic," he said.

Macron said such an operation would take excessive time and expose those crossing the strait to "coastal threats", particularly from Iran's Revolutionary Guards "who possess significant resources as well as ballistic missiles".

"This can only be done in concert with Iran," the French leader added, calling first for a ceasefire and a return to negotiations.

The Strait of Hormuz, a vital shipping route for oil, has been virtually paralysed for weeks by the Middle East war, pushing up prices for crude and related products worldwide.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards have vowed to keep the strait shut to the country's "enemies" while Trump has made reopening it a condition for a ceasefire.

US President Trump in a prime-time White House address on Wednesday again said that countries that receive oil through the strait "must take care of that passage".

In earlier comments he singled out European and Asian countries.

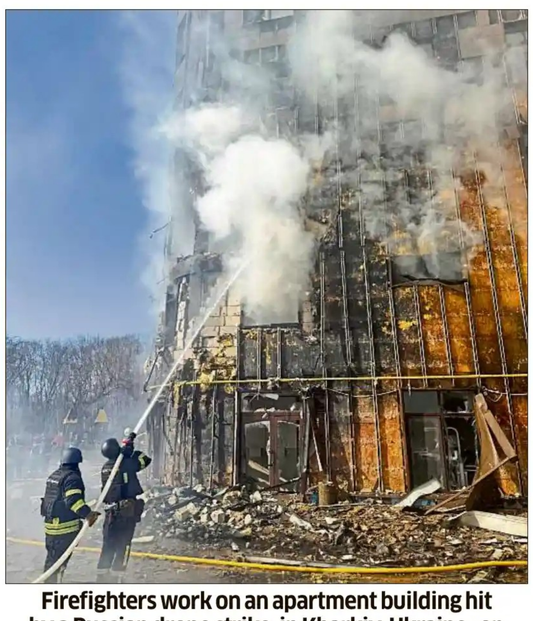
"You know, we only have 45,000 soldiers in harm's way over there, right next to a nuclear force. Let South Korea do it," Trump said, referring to North Korea.

Iran mulls joint Hormuz navigation protocol with Oman

Iran said on Thursday it was drafting a peacetime protocol that would supervise maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz with Oman, state media reported, with Tehran's closure of the vital oil corridor roiling the global economy, reports AFP. Deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi told Russia's Sputnik state media that the protocol would apply after the ongoing war with the United States and Israel had ended, setting basic rules to manage ship movements, the IRNA news agency said.

"We are currently finalising the drafting of this protocol and, once it has been finalised internally, we will undoubtedly begin negotiations with the Omani side in order to reach a joint protocol," he said.

WORLD AT A GLANCE



Firefighters work on an apartment building hit by a Russian drone strike, in Kharkiv, Ukraine , on Thursday. REUTERS

New Zealand signs defence deal with Cook Islands after China pact

New Zealand and Cook Islands signed a defence and security pact Thursday, easing more than a year of tension between the Pacific nations over Cook Islands' deepening ties with China, reports AP from Wellington.

The fraught diplomatic standoff that prompted Wellington to pause millions of dollars in aid to Avarua was hardly a clash of geopolitical heavyweights: New Zealand has a population of 5 million, while Cook Islands has 15,000 people.

But the lengthy freeze gripped Pacific observers because it reflected the struggle confronting tiny island nations with close ties to Western countries such as New Zealand and Australia as they seek to balance their traditional alliances with overtures from Beijing.

In the new declaration, Cook Islands pledged New Zealand would be its "partner of choice regarding defense and security matters," apparently quashing the prospect, feared by Wellington, of China occupying the role. It resolved "ambiguity" about the two countries' existing ties, New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters said.

Pope Leo XIV washes and kisses the foot of a clergy member during the Holy Thursday Mass at the Basilica of St John Lateran in Rome, on Thursday. REUTERS

Iran hangs teen over Jan protests

Iranian authorities Thursday executed a teenager convicted of setting fire to a security forces base during January protests, as the Islamic republic ramps up executions during the war with the US and Israel, rights groups said, reports AFP from Paris.

Amir Hossein Hatami, 18, was sentenced to death in February along with six others by a Tehran revolutionary court and was hanged at dawn in the notorious Ghezel Hesar prison outside the capital, according to Norway-based NGO Iran Human Rights.

The Iranian judiciary's Mizan Online website said he acted "against national security" on behalf of Israel and the United States by breaking into "a military centre and destroying it in order to seize the weapons stored there" during the protests.

Hezbollah chief to pay 'heavy price' for Jewish attacks: Israel

JERUSALEM, AFP

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz on Thursday warned that Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem would pay an "extraordinarily heavy price" for escalating attacks during the ongoing Jewish holidays.

"I have a clear message for Naim Qassem... you and your associates will pay an extraordinarily heavy price for the intensified rocket fire directed at Israeli citizens as they gathered to celebrate Passover Seder," Katz said in a video statement.

"You will be consigned to the depths of hell alongside Nasrallah, Khamenei, Sinwar and the other fallen figures of the axis of evil," he said, referring to the former leaders of Hezbollah, Iran, and the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas, who have been assassinated by Israel over the past two and half years.

"The Hezbollah terrorist organisation you now lead, and its supporters in Lebanon, will bear the full and severe consequences," Katz added.

His warning followed claims by Hezbollah that it had carried out a series of rocket attacks on northern Israel late Wednesday and early Thursday, as Israeli Jews began marking the Passover holidays.

Katz also reiterated that Israeli forces "will clear Hezbollah and its supporters from southern Lebanon, maintain Israeli security control throughout the Litani area, and dismantle Hezbollah's military capabilities in Lebanon.

US Prez removes Attorney General Bondi; Todd Blanche takes over

Move comes amid criticism of Bondi's handling of the Epstein files

WASHINGTON, AFP

US Attorney General Pam Bondi (R) speaks with the Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche. AFP FILES

US President Donald Trump fired Attorney General Pam Bondi on Thursday and named his former personal lawyer to serve as the acting chief of the Justice Department.

The move, which the Republican president announced in a social media post, comes amid criticism of Bondi's handling of the Epstein files and her failure to successfully prosecute several perceived Trump foes.

"Pam Bondi is a Great American Patriot and a loyal friend, who faithfully served as my Attorney General over the past year," Trump said . "Pam did a tremendous job overseeing a massive crackdown in Crime across our Country."

Bondi "will be transitioning to a much needed and important new job in the private sector," the president said, and will be replaced on an interim basis by Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche.

Bondi has drawn fire from some Trump supporters for her handling of the release of the Justice Department files on convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019.

The Epstein affair has been major political liability for Trump. Bondi has also 'failed' to successfully prosecute perceived Trump opponents such as former FBI director James Comey and New York Attorney General Letitia James.

Rubio: China's actions against Panama raise concerns

WASHINGTON, AFP: The United States on Thursday expressed support for Panama after China was accused of detaining Panama-flagged ships in a dispute over control of the Central American country's strategic canal.

"China's recent actions against Panama-flagged vessels raise serious concerns about the use of economic tools to undermine the rule of law in Panama," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a statement.

Washington and Beijing accuse each other of seeking to control the Panama Canal, a vital trade link between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Pak holding talks with Afghanistan's Taliban govt

ISLAMABAD, PTI: Pakistan on Thursday confirmed it was holding talks with Afghanistan's Taliban government to end the ongoing conflict while demanding that Kabul must "demonstrate visible and verifiable actions" against terrorists.

Addressing the weekly press conference here, Foreign Office Spokesperson Tahir Andrabi said that talks were being held in the Chinese city of Urumqi between senior officials of the two countries.

Andrabi said that the issue of Afghanistan was discussed during Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar's visit to Beijing this week, where he met with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi.

When asked about the reported parleys between Pakistan and Afghanistan, he said Pakistan had sent the delegation "in line with its consistent position and longstanding practice of supporting a credible process that can lead to [a] durable solution ... to stop border terrorism from Afghanistan".

"Our participation is a reiteration of our core concerns," he said.

"The burden of real process, however, lies with Afghanistan," he added.

Democrats sue Trump over mail-in voting

WASHINGTON, AFP

Democratic groups and party leaders have filed a lawsuit to block an executive order by US President Donald Trump seeking to crack down on mail-in voting, saying he tried to rewrite election rules to his advantage.

Trump's order, signed Tuesday, would restrict a popular way of casting ballots, following the Republican president's repeated attacks, based on disproven conspiracy theories, about supposed cheating by Democrats.

The 64-page complaint filed Wednesday by the Democratic National Committee and other party organizations alleged that changes outlined in Trump's order "imminently threaten to disenfranchise lawful voters and plainly exceed the President's lawful authority."

"(The executive order) dramatically restricts the ability of Americans to vote by mail, impinging on traditional state authority...It is an unlawful exercise of authority that must be declared invalid," the complaint read. Polls show that the Republican Party faces a serious threat of losing its narrow control of Congress in the midterm elections in November, particularly in the House of Representatives.

If Democrats win, they have signaled they will block Trump's agenda and could move to impeach him.

Trump's order limits mail-in ballots only to people on "State Citizenship Lists" compiled by his administration -- which Democrats say is an attempt to "disenfranchise voters for partisan advantage."

Trump has been pressing hard for measures that experts believe would likely lower turnout, with potentially huge consequences in parts of the country where elections are decided by razor-thin margins.

His push for federal election overhauls has run up against constitutional concerns.

Under the US Constitution, states retain broad control over the administration of elections.

Trumps executive order came as the Republican Party failed to pass a more far-reaching set of voting restrictions called the "SAVE America" act.

The Democratic Party's lawsuit filed in a Washington federal court also names Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries as plaintiffs.

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Padma Viswanathan shortlisted for International Booker Prize 2026

NEW DELHI, PTI

Padma Viswanathan, a Canadian-American writer of Indian-origin, has made it to the 2026 International Booker Prize shortlist as the English translator of a Portuguese language novella.

"On Earth As It Is Beneath" by Brazilian author Ana Paula Maia, described by judges as a "brutal, haunting and hypnotic novella set in a remote Brazilian penal colony, where the boundaries between justice and cruelty collapse", is among the six worldwide contenders for the coveted literary honour.

The annual prize worth GBP 50,000, divided equally between the author and translator, was won last year by Kannada writer-activist Banu Mushtaq and translator Deepa Bhasthi for the short story collection "Heart Lamp". Each shortlisted title guarantees a prize of GBP 5,000 -- also split 50-50 between the book's author and English translator.

Padma Viswanathan

"What struck us most is how spare, unflinching, uncompromising and relentless it is. Maia builds an entire moral universe out of very little: a remote prison, a handful of men, and the rituals of punishment that govern their lives," the judging panel said.

The 58-year-old professor of creative writing at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville is an accomplished playwright and author.

Nepal charges 32 over fake helicopter rescue scam

KATHMANDU, AFP: Nepal has charged 32 people over a multi-million-dollar insurance scam involving fake helicopter rescues of trekkers, police said Thursday, a long-running racket that has cast a shadow over the country's vital tourism industry.

The Himalayan nation attracts thousands of trekkers each year, many walking remote high-altitude trails where emergency airlifts are common and often costly.

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6	RDPR/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT25333/CALL-2	Construction of New Underground Drainage (UGD) Pipeline and New Chambers from Venkataramanappa House to the Government School in Kaggalipura 6th Block (SC / ST Colony), Bengaluru South Taluk.	ST
7	RDPR/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT25344/CALL-2	Construction of New Underground Drainage (UGD) Pipeline and New Chambers in Various Streets of Kaggalipura 6th Block (SC / ST Colony), Bengaluru South Taluk Specifically in Armugam, Govindappa, Lakshmamma, Satish, Manjunatha and Nandeesh House Streets.	OTHERS

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Rupee strengthens 1.6% to settle at 93.18 against US dollar

RBI has announced measures for banks, forex dealers

MUMBAI, PTI

The rupee logged one of its steepest single-day gains in many years and settled 152 paise higher at 93.18 against the US dollar on Thursday, after the Reserve Bank of India stepped in with a slew of measures to restrict banks from onshore forward markets.

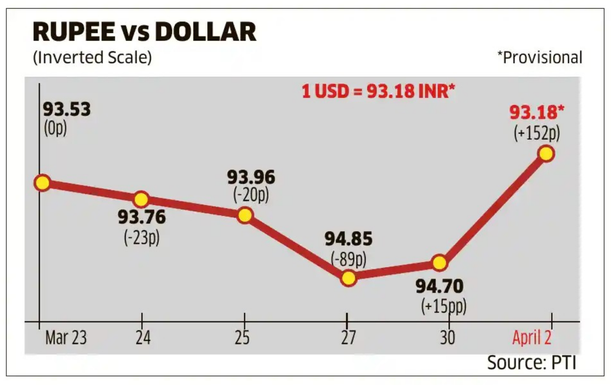
The domestic unit, however, remained under pressure due to the unabated withdrawal of foreign capital, a strengthening dollar, and rising crude oil prices amid a volatile geopolitical situation, forex analysts said.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 94.62 and registered a sharp single-day surge of 188 paise to touch an intra-day high of 92.82 against the greenback. At the end of the session, the rupee was quoted at 93.18 against the dollar, higher by 152 paise, or 1.6%, from its previous closing level.

The local currency breached the 95-level on Monday, before closing at 94.70 versus the greenback. It had settled at a historic low of 94.84 against the dollar on Friday, prompting the RBI to intervene with multiple measures.

According to Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst, Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, the rupee recovered after extreme weakness, largely driven by improved risk sentiment, after US President Donald Trump hinted at negotiations rather than escalation.

"The recovery appears more of a technical pullback after sharp depreciation rather than a trend reversal. Near-term support for rupee is seen near 92.50 and resistance at 93.50," Trivedi said.



Through its circular dated March 27, 2026, the RBI capped the net open position on the Indian rupee for banks at $100 million, mandating compliance by April 10.

On Wednesday, the RBI announced more measures for banks and forex dealers following a "review of evolving market conditions". It said banks authorised to deal in foreign exchange will not be able to offer non-deliverable derivative contracts involving the rupee to resident or non-resident users.

Besides, the central bank also restricted the users from rebooking any foreign exchange derivative contract, whether deliverable or non-deliverable, which is cancelled after the date of issuance of these instructions.

Since the beginning of the West Asia war on February 28, the rupee has depreciated by over 4%. During the fiscal year ended March 2026, the currency declined nearly 10% against the US dollar.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said the rupee recorded the biggest one-day gain in over 12 years, driven by regulatory curbs by the RBI on banks. "This led to the selling of dollars by the banks to comply with regulatory requirements."

He said the rupee is expected to trade with a positive bias as banks may continue to liquidate their open positions ahead of the April 10 deadline.

"However, global risk-off sentiments and rising crude oil prices may continue to pressure the rupee at higher levels," he said, adding, "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 92.20 to Rs 93.20."

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.60% higher at 100.05.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading at $108.08 per barrel, up 6.84%, in futures trade.

On the domestic equity market front, Sensex settled at 73,319.55, higher by 185.23 points, or 1.80%, while the Nifty closed 33.70 points, or 0.15%, up at 22,713.10.

FIIs sold equities worth Rs 9,931.13 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

West Asia war drags India's mfg growth to 4-year low

PMI for manufacturing falls to 53.9 in March

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's manufacturing output growth dipped to the lowest level in four years in March, as the ongoing West Asia conflict led to spike in costs and hit demands, as per an industry survey conducted by S&P Global.

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing fell to 53.9 in March, from 56.9 recorded in the previous month. The March PMI level was the lowest since June 2022, and below its long-run average of 54.2.

A PMI reading above 50.0 signals an expansion in the sector, whereas a value below 50.0 indicates contraction.

The two largest sub-components of the PMI, new orders and output, rose at the slowest rates since mid-2022, S&P Global said in its monthly report released on Thursday.

As per the survey conducted among around 400 firms across the country, the manufacturing activities during the month was hit due to the challenging market conditions, cost pressures and the war in West Asia.

"Disruptions linked to the conflict in West Asia are reverberating through the global economy and weighing on Indian manufacturers," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC.

"Output and new orders slowed noticeably, signalling softer demand and greater uncertainty. Meanwhile, input costs rose sharply across a broad range of items, including aluminium, chemicals and fuels," said Bhandari.

For now, firms appear to be absorbing much of the increase, keeping output prices relatively contained, she added.

Input price rose at the sharpest pace in over three-and-a-half years. Aluminium, chemicals, fuel, jute, leather, fabric, oil, rubber and steel led the surge in price, largely due to global supply-chain disruption.

However, the companies mostly absorbed added expenses, as indicated by a modest uptick in selling charges. The rate of output price inflation receded to a two-year low, curbed by customer-retention efforts and attempts to secure new clients at some firms.

Pre-production inventories accumulation in March was the lowest in 40 months. However, it was above its long-run average. On the other hand, holdings of finished products decreased during March, as firms used warehoused products to meet order intakes.

The surveyed firms signalled a decline in outstanding business volumes for the first time in close to a year-and-a-half. "Underlying data indicated that additional recruitment and a softer increase in new orders facilitated backlog clearances," S&P Global said.

India looking at preferential market access in US: Goyal

NEW DELHI, PTI

Piyush Goyal

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said India is looking at preferential market access for its products in the US and asserted that the country's relations with America are "very robust" with a deep strategic partnership across technology, defence, trade and investment.

He said that India's trade pact with the US is "best" as compared to its competitor countries.

"Our relations are very robust. We have a deep strategic partnership on several aspects, on technology, defence, trade and investments, and our approach is that India should get preferential market access," Goyal told reporters here.

The country, he said, is sitting on a "very sweet spot" in promoting trade with the US.

"Being the world's fastest growing economy, India holds huge promise for investors, who will continue to look at the India opportunity in greater numbers and greater value in the future," he added.

On March 27, the minister held a meeting with the US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer in Cameroon capital Yaounde, and discussed the next steps in the India-US bilateral trade agreement (BTA) negotiations.

The two met on the sidelines of the 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) of the World Trade Organisation.

In February, the two countries announced that they had finalised a framework for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement. It has not yet been signed.

India and the US announced a trade deal on February 2. A joint statement for the same was released on February 7.

According to the framework, the US had agreed to reduce tariffs on India to 18%.

However, the tariff architecture in the US has changed following its Supreme Court ruling against President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs. After that, the US President imposed 10 per cent tariffs on all countries for 150 days from February 24.

In view of these changes, a meeting of the chief negotiators of India and the US has been postponed. They were scheduled to meet in February to finalise the legal text of the pact.

An official has earlier stated that the interim trade agreement between India and the US will be signed once the new global tariff architecture of America is in place.

Domestic PV sales scale new heights at 47 lakh units in FY26

NEW DELHI, PTI: Passenger vehicle sales in India scaled a new high of 47 lakh units in 2025-26, riding on record performance by automakers such as Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra, with GST 2.0 revving up sales in the second half of the fiscal.

While the industry is looking forward to carrying forward the sales momentum in the new fiscal, it is closely monitoring the West Asia war to mitigate potential supply-side risks and the possibility of impact on demand due to price hikes taken to offset rise in commodity prices.

Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, Partho Banerjee said, "For the whole year, we have done the highest ever sales of 24,22,713 units. It's the highest ever in the history of Maruti." In 2024-25, the company's sales were at 22,34,266 units.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd MD and CEO Shailesh Chandra said, "We achieved our highest-ever annual sales volumes of over 6.4 lakh units, delivering industry-beating growth of 15% YoY and ended it with strong positive momentum, emerging as the No. 2 ranked player in the industry based on Vahan registrations in H2."

Mahindra & Mahindra also posted PV sales of 6,60,276 units in FY26, as against 5,51,487 units in FY25, a growth of 20%. Toyota Kirloskar Motor reported a 20% growth in FY25-26 sales at 4,06,081 units, compared to 3,37,148 units in FY24-25. Hyundai Motor India Ltd reported total sales of 2,08,275 units in the January to March 2026 period, a growth of 8.7%, compared to a year ago.

Kia India said it delivered its strongest-ever quarterly performance, with Q1 (January-March) 2026 sales at 84,316 units, a growth of 11.6% over 75,576 units in Q1 2025. Skoda Auto India also reported its highest-ever quarterly sales in January-March, 2026, with 20,028 units.

Airtel becomes world's second largest telecom operator

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bharti Airtel has crossed 650 million customers and has been ranked second globally by mobile customer base, with operations spread across India and Africa, according to GSMA Intelligence.

Gopal Vittal, Executive Vice-Chairman, Bharti Airtel, said, "Achieving the milestone of 650 million customers to be the second-largest operator globally is a great responsibility for us to serve our customers better. This is why we invest in state-of-the-art technologies to not only provide connectivity, but also to deliver a safe network."

In India, Airtel serves over 368 million mobile customers. Furthering digital services, it recently announced foray into the NBFC space. In Africa, it has a base of over 179 million customers across 14 countries.

Govt imposes import curbs on gold, silver, platinum articles

NEW DELHI, PTI: The government on Thursday imposed import curbs on all forms of articles of gold, silver and platinum, a move aimed at checking misuse of free trade agreements (FTAs).

These restrictions will apply irrespective of any prior contract, irrevocable letter of credit, advance payment, shipment status, or any other commitment, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification.

Accordingly, the benefit of transitional arrangements shall not be available. "The Import Policy and Policy Condition of items... covered under Chapter 71... is revised... with immediate effect," it said.

The chapter includes natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, articles, imitation jewellery, and coins.

On April 1, the government announced curbs on imports of gold, platinum and silver jewellery.

With this, now there are restrictions on all gold, silver and platinum jewellery imports.

An industry official said some importers were misusing the India-Asean FTA. The official urged the government to make the licensing procedure easy so that genuine players do not suffer from the move.

India has a free trade pact in goods with the 10-nation South East Asian nation bloc Asean since 2010.

In November last year, the government imposed import curbs on certain types of platinum jewellery till April this year. In September 2025, similar curbs were imposed on silver jewellery till March this year.

Some traders were trying to use the FTA to make a quick buck by exploiting duty differentials and circumventing tariffs, the official said, adding the move was aimed at curbing imports of these precious metals in the name of unstudded jewellery from countries like Thailand.

LatentView invests in US co

BENGALURU, DHNS: AI-driven analytics, data engineering, and consulting firm LatentView Analytics has completed a $3 million (about Rs 28 crore) investment in Healtheon AI, a company at the forefront of the Agentic AI revolution in healthcare Revenue Cycle Management (RCM).

"With this investment, we are not only investing in healthcare; we are investing in an Agentic AI solution that solves a healthcare problem," said Rajan Sethuraman, CEO, LatentView Analytics.

'Myntra CEO Nandita Sinha to step down'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Flipkart-owned Myntra CEO Nandita Sinha will step down and exit the company soon, according to reports. Sinha was appointed the CEO of the fashion e-tailer in 2022.

Reports also suggested that Flipkart Fashion head Sharon Pais is likely to replace her. Pais was earlier working with Myntra as Chief Business Officer. She was responsible for the platform's overall business performance and strategy.

Before joining Myntra as its CEO, Sinha worked as VP, Customer Growth, Media and Engagement in Flipkart.

This development comes at a time when Flipkart is gearing up for its IPO later this year.

Responding to *DH* queries, a spokesperson from Myntra said, "We don't comment on market speculation."

Also, this top-level churn comes just weeks after Flipkart Group CFO Sriram Venkataraman resigned from the company. The Walmart-backed company recently announced the appointment of Nishant Verman to the leadership team as Senior Vice-President, Corporate Development and Partnerships.

Last month, Flipkart completed the process of shifting its domicile to India from Singapore. The e-commerce company, which has begun preliminary discussions with several investment banks to evaluate its public market debut, said the redomiciliation of the Flipkart group to India is a significant milestone that reflects the company's deep and long-term commitment to the country.

According to a Tracxn report, annual revenue of Myntra stood at Rs 6,140 crore as on March 31, 2025.

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Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchyath, Koppal
No. ZPKPL/C-2/CR/2025-26/29 Dated : 02-04-2026.
:: E-Tender Announcement ::
Subject : Regarding the procurement of human resource services through e-procurement on outsourcing basis at the Zilla Panchayat Koppal Office for the year 2026-27.
An e-tender has been invited for the procurement of Human Resource Services on Outsourcing for the Zilla Panchayat Koppal Office for the year 2026-27 through e-procurement. Tenderers can obtain and upload the details at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.
Tender Authority and Announcement Details
1 Name and address of the authority calling for tenders: **Deputy secretary, Zilla Panchayat Koppal** 2 Purpose of Tender: **To obtain human resource services through an external agency** 3 Estimated amount (in lakhs of rupees): **70.00 lakhs** 4 EMD Amount (in Rs.): **140000/-** 5 Starting date for submission of tenders: **02-04-2026** 6 Last date for submission of tender: **18-04-2026** 7 Date and time of opening of technical bid: **20-04-2026** 8 Tender opening Place: **Zilla Panchayat Koppal** 9 Date and time of receipt of financial bid Will be informed later
Sd/- Deputy secretary,
Zilla Panchayat, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/04/KSMCA/2026-27

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, Zone-2, MEI Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560073.
No: BNCC/EE/DD/TEND/01/2026-27 Date: 02-04-2026
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, Zone-2, BNCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from registered Agencies for the Services detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Service
1	Operation, Supervision and Maintenance of Mens and Womens Gym Building (2nd and 3rd Floor) in Ward No. 17, J.P. Park, Rajarajeshwarinagara Constituency. **EMD Amount (in Rs.): 61,000/-**
2	Operation, Supervision and Maintenance of Badminton Court in Ward No. 17, J.P. Park, Rajarajeshwarinagara Constituency. **EMD Amount (in Rs.): 57,500/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 08-04-2026 onwards. 2)** Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarification: **15-04-2026 upto 11.00 AM. 3)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **10-04-2026 at 3.00 PM. 4)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender: **22-04-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **23-04-2026 at 4.30 PM. 6)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **30-04-2026 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Dasarahalli Division, Zone-2, BNCC.

KARNATAKA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka, Telephone : 0816 2272479.
No.EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE-2/T.No.63/2025-26/ Dt. 27-03-2026
Short Term Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW-3
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION.
On behalf of Government of Karnataka, tenders are invited in **Two** cover system for Class-3 Contractors registered in PWD for 01 works under 4059 CMIDP Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The dates are published as below.
(Amount Put to Tender **Rs.99.81 Lakhs,** EMD Amount **Rs. 1,99,620/-**)

1	Last date for tender information enquiries	**06-04-2026: 17-30**
2	Last date for submission of tender.	**07-04-2026 : 16-00**
3	Date of opening the Technical bid.	**08-04-2026: 16-30**
4	Date of opening the Financial bid.	**09-04-2026 : 17-00**

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered, Hereafter any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only
Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D Division, Tumkur
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STILL IN THE RACE

Apple's 50-year journey from garage to tech titan

REUTERS

In early 1976 in California, Steve Wozniak had just completed the design of a computer circuit board he intended to share with fellow hobbyists at a prominent local club. His friend Steve Jobs also saw a business opportunity to manufacture and sell the boards, and thus Apple was born.

The company turned 50 on Wednesday. Its rise has shaped both the technology industry and popular culture by making first desktop computers and then smartphones mainstream, popularising mobile apps and showing how tightly integrated devices and software can work.

But the iPhone maker is now under pressure to show it can remain a technology powerhouse in the age of artificial intelligence as software rivals Alphabet and Microsoft spend tens of billions of dollars to seize a lead.

Apple Computer Inc's co-founder, the late Steve Jobs, introduces the iPhone in San Francisco, California, on January 9, 2007. REUTERS FILE PHOTO

Its stock is the second-worst performer among the "Magnificent Seven" since OpenAI launched ChatGPT in November 2022.

Despite embedding machine learning features in its chips since 2017, analysts and investors say delays in roll-out of features, including a revamped Siri, suggest Apple was underprepared for how consumers would use AI. Rivals such as OpenAI are also planning to launch AI devices that aim to shake the long-held dominance of smartphones.

Still, Apple's devices remain widely popular. Strong demand for the latest iPhone 17 series drove its December-quarter earnings, while the $599 MacBook Neo — its cheapest laptop ever — had a strong launch.

"The company made it fifty years with no one truly competing with its integrated business model; the fate of its next fifty years may rest on the question of just how compelling AI ends up being — and if OpenAI can out-Apple the original," independent tech analyst Ben Thompson said on Stratechery.com on Tuesday.

Aakash stars for MNK Rao Park BC

BENGALURU, DHNS: Aakash scored 18 points to power MNK Rao Park BC to a 64-49 win over DK District in a boys' final league cum knockout match in the State Junior Basketball Championship for the DN Rajanna Trophy at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Thursday.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

Results: Boys, final league: MNK Rao Park BC: 64 (Aakash 18) bt DK District: 49 (Deekshith 20); Beagles BC: 78 (Harshan 18, Jayanth 10) bt Vivek's SC: 61 (Anshul 24). **Girls, round robin:** Bangalore Vanguards BC: 71 (Aditi 32, Pranjali 15) bt Mandya District: 52 (Manasa 13); Beagles BC: 67 (Swathi 16, Purvi 14) bt Vivek's SC: 53 (Manasvi 18, Devi 14).

Rinku Romeo wins Maharaja Plate

DELHI RESULTS

Ajay Sharma-trained Rinku Romeo, ridden by Arjun, won the Maharaja Plate, the feature event of the races on Thursday.

1. Hot Weather Plate – 1100M: Sir Mor (H Ali Khan) 1; Super Speed (Arjun) 2; Cashier (Saurav Rawat) 3; Nizbati Wings (Abdul Fsazal) 4; WB: Shd, 2-1/4, Shd; T: 1:07.07; TB: Dhanu S Deora; Fav:Super Speed.

2. Summer Plate (Div I) – 1200M: Properly Posh (Arjun) 1; Jaat Hero (Shivam) 2; Lucky Lips (R Rakesh) 3; Ashwa Tejveer (Shekhawat) 4; WB: 6-1/2; 8-1/4; 4L; T: 1:11.28; TB: Ajay Sharma; Fav: Properly Posh.

3. Summer Plate (Div II) – 1200M: Emperor Ashoka (Saurav Rawat) 1; Nariobi (Shivam) 2; Beat Goes On (Aasif Khan) 3; Chieftain (Vishal) 4; WB: Nk, 2, 1-1/2L; T: 1:12.16; TB: Rajinder Fav: Nairobi.

4. The April Plate – 1200M: Eastern Crown (Sanjay Rai) Arjun 1; Thanks Again (Shivam) 2; O Romeo (Varun) 3; Jet Falcon (Deepak Kumar) 4; WB: 2-1/4, 1-1/4, 1L; T: 1:12.47; NR: Dinaar & Insta Millionaire; TB: Ajay Sharma; Fav: Thanks Again;

5. The Maharaja Plate – 1600M: Rinku Romeo (Arjun) 1; Ashwa Frankie (Shivam) 2; Master Multitude (Angad) 3; First Class (R Rakesh) 4; WB: 1, 1/2, 3-1/4L; T: 1:39.39; TB: Ajay Sharma; Fav: Rinku Romeo.

6. The Spot Light Plate – 1000M: Lady Hitman (Varun) 1; Weronika (Aasif Khan) 2; Elite (Lave Kumar) 3; Salam Bhai (Angad) 4; WB: 3, 1-1/4, 2-3/4L; T: 59.82s; TB: K All Khan; Fav: Weronika.

Bengaluru dividends

I race: Rs 35w, 11, 13p; Fc: Rs 63; Q: Rs 20; Shp: Rs 35; Thp: Rs 67; Tri: Rs 255 & Rs 242; Ex: Rs 911 & Rs 236.
II race: Rs 12w, 10, 12p; Fc: Rs 18; Q: Rs 19; Shp: Rs 18; Thp: Rs 28; Tri: Rs 82 & Rs 34; Ex: Rs 324 & Rs 273.
III race: Rs 89w, Rs 27, 10p; Fc: Rs 153; Q: Rs 58; Shp: Rs 30; Thp: Rs 24; Tri: Rs 1544 & 225; Ex: Rs 410 & 156.
IV race: Rs 25w; Rs 10, 11, 13p; Fc: Rs 66; Q: Rs 38; Shp: Rs 20; Thp: Rs 52; Tri: Rs 104 & 123; Ex: Rs 497 & 639.
V race: Rs 22w, Rs 10, 11, 29, 46p; Fc: Rs 171; Q: Rs 87; Shp: Rs 46; Thp: Rs 49; Tri: Rs 437& Rs 92; Ex: Rs 2,759 & Rs 626. **VI race:** Rs 39w; Rs 17, 12, 20p; Fc: Rs 172; Q: Rs 33; Shp: Rs 37; Thp: Rs 57; Tri: Rs 359 & Rs 192; Ex: Rs 323 & Rs 168.
Jackpot: Rs 1,794 & Rs 126. **Treble:** Rs 169.

Cache for main event

KOLKATA SELECTIONS

Cache, trained by Sabeel Shariff and to be ridden by Suraj Narredu, is tipped to land the spoils in the Adelita Handicap (Div I) race over 1100m, the main event of the races to be held here on Friday. First race starts at 2 pm.

1. Best The Distance Handicap 1200M: Diamond Gold 1, Hermes 2, Simran' Attitude 3.
2. The Robin Hood Cup 1400M: Indian Jackpot 1, Royal King 2, Sporting Trainer 3.
3. The Adelita Handicap (Div I) 1100M: Cache 1, Spirit Bay 2, Noorie 3.
4. The Adelita Handicap (Div II) 1100M: Sir Winston 1, Honey Cake 2, Midnight Blue 3.
5. The Sunny Handicap 1600M: Verrazzano 1, Cascade 2, Carnation 3.
6. The Punters' Delight Handicap 1200M: Casha 1, Conjurer 2, Aperol 3.
7. The Cupid Handicap (Div I) 1200M: Cash In Run 1, Surprise Fantasy (P Trevor) 2, Keitaro (Hindu Singh) 3.
8. The Cupid Handicap (Div II) 1200M: Gimmler 1, Cortado 2, Enchanting 3.
Day's best: Sir Winston
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **I treble:** 1, 2 & 3. **II treble:** 3, 4 & 5. **III treble:** 6, 7 & 8.

India women no match for Japan

PATHUM THANI (THAILAND), PTI: India suffered a 0-6 defeat at the hands of formidable Japan in their opening match of the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup at the Thammasat Stadium here on Thursday.

Six-time champions Japan got the lead early on through an own goal by Thoibisana Chanu Toijam (12th minute). However, it was not until the second half that Japan really managed to start hurting the Young Tigresses, with Miki Kimura (54th), Noa Fukushima (57th), Natsumi Tago (75th), Miyu Matsunaga (81st) and Yura Honda (87th) netting one each.

Praggu plays out a draw, Uzbek's Sindarov grabs lead

Vaishali holds Goryachkina, Diyva loses to Zhu in fourth round

PAPHOS (CYPRUS), PTI

Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with German Matthias Bluebaum while Uzbekistan's Javokhir Sindarov grabbed sole lead after defeating pre-event favourite Fabiano Caruana of the USA in the fourth round of the Candidates chess tournament here.

World Cup winner last year, Sindarov took his tally to 3.5 points with his third victory in four games here on Wednesday and this could well prove to be vital in securing a title match with reigning world champion D Gukesh later this year. After losing to Sindarov in the previous round, Praggnanandhaa was in recovery mode and did not have any trouble in securing the draw as black against Bluebaum.

With 10 rounds still to come, Sindarov is still followed by Caruana in sole second spot on 2.5 points while Praggnanandhaa, along with Bluebaum and Anish Giri of Holland, is on joint third spot with two points.

In other two games of the day, Anish Giri bounced back and defeated Russian Andrey Esipenko while Wei Yi of China played out a draw with American Hikaru Nakamura.

In the women's event Divya Deshmukh suffered a setback at the hands of Chinese Jiner Zhu and R Vaishali played out a draw with Aleksandra Goryachkina of Russia.

Last minute replacement following Koneru Humpy's withdrawal, Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine joined overnight leader Bibisara Assaubayev of Kazakhstan in pole position at the expense of Kateryna Lagno of Russia while Zhongyi Tan's hunt for an elusive victory continued after a draw with the Kazakh talent.

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Nakamura slams FIDE's anti-cheating protocols

American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura has slammed the International Chess Federation (FIDE) for its stringent anti-cheating measures at the ongoing Candidates Tournament in Cyprus, calling them "complete nonsense".

The world No. 2 expressed his frustration when asked about the anti-cheating measures at the elite tournament to determine D Gukesh's challenger for the world championship later this year.

He said the scanners and machines around the playing area have made the players feel like Mossad (Israeli intelligence) agents operating inside Iran. "My general view about the whole topic of delay, cheating over the board, all that stuff is that I frankly think it's nonsense. I do think it really is, considering the amount of machines they have to scan the players in the room," Nakamura said on his YouTube channel.

Muzychuk and Assaubayeva share the lead on 2.5 points apiece and are followed by Vaishali, Goryachkina, Zhongyi and Divya are not far behind with 1.5 points and one can hope for more fireworks after the first rest day.

Praggnanandhaa started off with the Semi Slav defense as black inviting massive complications but Bluebaum decided not to test the Indian in his own playground.

The result was a solid opening from white that did not give any chances and routine exchanges led to a draw opposite coloured Bishops endgame.

For once, Divya Deshmukh's plans did not work well as she fell in to a worse position out of the opening against Jiner Zhu.

Results (round 4): Men: Matthias Bluebaum (Ger, 2) drew with R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 2); Javokhir SIndarov (Uzb, 3.5) bt Fabiano Caruana (USA, 2.5); Andrey Esipenko (Rus, 1) lt to Anish Giri (Ned, 2); Wei Yi (Chn, 1.5) drew with Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 1.5). **Women:** Bibisara Assuabayeva (Kaz, 2.5) drew with Zhongyi Tan (Chn, 1.5); Divya Deshmukh (Ind, 1.5) lt to Jiner Zhu (Chn, 2); Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 2.5) bt Kateryna Lagno (Rus, 2); R Vaishali (Ind, 2) drew with Aleksandra Goryachkina (Rus, 2).

Chitra Magimairaj

Seasoned Chitra ends 9-year title drought

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka's Chitra Magimairaj ended a nine-year title drought with a dominant display in the final of the women's 9-ball pool Nationals at the Rotary Bhawan in Ludhiana, Punjab on Thursday.

The seasoned Chitra overcame mid-match slump before scoring a facile 7-4 win over Madhya Pradesh's Ishika Shah for her third 9-ball title and fourth pool National crown in all.

"It feels great to win a national title again," said an elated Chitra, who last won in 2017. "Winning the nationals gives me the added motivation to do well at international events."

One of the few cueists who plays pool professionally, Chitra got off the blocks in a jiffy, jumping to a 3-0 lead in the race-to-7 affair. Instead of tightening the noose, she gave her rival look-in by committing a few errors with her attacking style of play before closing out the rack and match in double quick time.

Results (9-ball pool): Women: Final: Chitra Magimairaj (Kar) bt Ishika Shah (MP). **Semifinal:** Chitra bt Natasha Chethan (Kar) 6-2; Ishika bt Jiya Sehgal (Pun) 6-3.

TENNIS BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

Indians all set for big test

Captain Uppal confident of hosts' chances in 6-nation round-robin format

NEW DELHI, PTI

India have begun their preparations for the upcoming Billie Jean King Cup Asia/Oceania Group I tournament in the national capital, with captain Vishal Uppal expressing confidence in a balanced squad that blends experience and youth.

The team assembled in Delhi earlier this week to acclimatise to the conditions ahead of the April 7-11 tournament, with Uppal stressing the importance of early preparation.

"We've just got here to Delhi... and come the 7th of April, we'll be ready to come out and fight for India. We really hope the people of Delhi come out in large numbers and support Team India," Uppal told PTI Videos.

Reflecting on last year's campaign, where India made the playoffs but fell short of advancing further, Uppal highlighted the need for collective effort.

"Tennis is an individual sport, but here it has to be a team effort. This year, all of us have to play our role and give our heart and soul day in and day out," he added.

India's recent performances underline steady progress in women's tennis. The team has qualified for the World Group playoffs twice in the last six years after a 42-year drought before 2020. "Everyone wants to live in a penthouse, but you have to build the floors first. We are in the process of building women's tennis in India," Uppal explained, underlining the long-term vision.

Among the fresh faces is debutant Vaishnavi Adkar, who has impressed on the domestic circuit in the 2025-26 season with multiple ITF quarterfinal finishes and a steady rise into the top 600. "It's my first time here, and it's a great opportunity... an honour to represent the country," Adkar said.

"We've had two sessions every day, getting used to the conditions, courts and balls. The team spirit is very high."

India No. 3 Vaidehee Chaudhari, currently ranked around 450 in the WTA standings after a 2025-26 season that included an ITF title and multiple semifinal appearances, said the team is targeting another playoff berth. "We always have a strong team. We'll try to win every tie and do our best to get into the playoffs," she said.

Chaudhari, who returned from a six-month injury layoff last year, is also chasing personal milestones. "I'd like to break into the top 300 so that I can play Grand Slam qualifying. This year I'll definitely do my best," she added.

Experienced campaigner Rutuja Bhosale, who has focused on doubles after injury concerns and enjoyed a productive 2025-26 season with two ITF doubles titles, echoed the team's determination.

Vaishnavi Adkar will be making her BJKC debut in New Delhi this month. DH FILE PHOTO

Vishal Uppal. DH FILE PHOTO

Defending champ Pegula labours to win opener

WASHINGTON, AFP: Defending champion and top seed Jessica Pegula labored more than three hours to reach the round of 16 at the WTA Charleston Open on Wednesday with a 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory over Yulia Putintseva.

Pegula, the world No. 5 from the United States, had clawed back a set but was broken to trail 0-2 in the third before mounting a final fightback.

"All I just kept thinking was, like, welcome to the clay court season," Pegula said after grinding out the win on Charleston's green clay.

Pegula, who enjoyed a first-round bye, said the breezy conditions and challenging shadows made it hard to respond aggressively to the high, looping shots from 72nd-ranked Putintseva of Kazakhstan.

"She's a really tricky opponent in general," Pegula said.

"I feel like especially on clay she can be really crafty, use high balls, low balls, slices, drop shots, and I felt like she was just honestly toying with me there for quite a while," added the American.

Pegula is chasing her second title of the year, after a victory in Dubai in February.

Second-seeded Ekaterina Alexandrova withdrew from the tournament before her second-round opener on Wednesday..

Roig to coach Swiatek

World No. 4 Iga Swiatek on Thursday announced that she was working with Francisco Roig, who used to coach Rafael Nadal, reports AFP from Paris.

The news came less than two weeks after the six-time Grand Slam winner announced that she had parted ways with previous coach Wim Fissette.

Jessica Pegula of the USA returns during her first round win over Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan at the Charleston Open in South Carolina on Wednesday. AFP

India's woeful shotgun campaign ends without medal

TANGIER (MOROCCO), PTI: Indian shooters' disappointing run showed no signs of abating, as both mixed team pairs turned in subpar performances to finish way down in the standings, capping a forgettable outing at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup here on Thursday.

Extending India's run of underwhelming results in the men's and women's skeet and trap events, the mixed doubles pair of Olympian Prithviraj Tondaiman and Kirti Gupta could only muster an aggregate of 134, slumping to a disappointing 18th place in a 33-team field.

Only the top four teams enter the finals.

Tondaiman scored 69 (24, 22, 23) in his three round of 25 each, totalling 75 while Gupta missed 10 clay targets to finish with 65 (22, 22, 21).

The other Indian pair, Olympians Kynan Chenai and Rajeshwari Kumari, also endured a below-par outing, combining for a modest 130 to finish 25th.

SCB, FCBU share spoils in Bengaluru derby

BENGALURU, DHNS: FC Bengaluru United and SC Bengaluru couldn't break the deadlock and settled for a point each in the first and only derby match of the ongoing I-League 2 season here on Thursday.

The match turned out to be a cagey affair with both sides missing out on a few telling chances to grab the winner, while FCBU were reduced to 10 men late in the match with Chunsaba Bariam seeing a second yellow in added time.

SCB, who came into the game at the back of a 3-3 draw against GMSC, had their struggles too as they could start the match with only four players on the bench. Turns out, three of their new signings, including a player from ISL club Mohammedan SC, were cleared too late to join the squad.

This affected the quality of the match as the first 40 minutes lacked any clear cut chances. Any real action had to wait towards the end of the half when both city rivals had chances to score from set pieces late in the half, including an Olimpico attempt by FCBU's Allen Lyngdoh in the injury time as his left-footed corner kick skimmed the far post as the closest chance.

The second half, however, saw FCBU take control of the game and started asking questions off their rivals' defence with Lijo K prominent on the left flank.

FCBU, however, failed to make the openings created count before a flurry of changes on either sides impacted the intensity of the match.

SCB had two late chances through last-match goalscorer Asif OM but both went begging.

FCBU's Allen Lyngdoh (left) and SCB's Sabarin Bush (centre) vie for the ball during an I-League 2 match at the Padukone-Dravid CoE in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Pep Munoz

BFC new coach's arrival delayed

ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru FC's will travel to Margao for their latest Indian Super League match against hosts FC Goa on April 4 without their new head coach Pep Munoz.

The 42-year-old Spaniard, who was officially announced as the coach late last month with a contract till the end of 2026-27 season, was expected to take charge of the Sunil Chhetri-led team for the FC Goa match but delay in paperwork related to his visa is keeping him away, confirmed a source privy to the development.

Renedy Singh, who was named the head coach at the start of the season and has remained at the club in a different capacity, will continue with the first-team duty for the time being.

Fifth-placed BFC (11 points) take on sixth-placed Goa (10 points) and the two teams will look to bag all three points as they look to bridge the gap with table-toppers Mumbai City (14). All of the top six have played six games each so far at almost the halfway mark.

Reethushree wins second gold as K'taka stay on top

RAIPUR, AGENCIES

Karnataka's Reethushree and Nagini claimed their second gold medal on the track in the the inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games at Kreeda Parisar complex here on Thursday.

Reethushree added the 200m gold to her 400m win with a time of 25.87s and then Nagini completed the women's 800m and 1500m double when she won the four-lap race in 4:43.87 on the penultimate day of the competition.

With Reethushree and Nagini adding two gold medals to Karnataka's tally, the table toppers now have 23 gold, eight silver and seven bronze to show for their effort.

Odisha are second with 20 gold, 13 silver and 21 bronze while Jharkhand consolidated their position with four gold medals from athletics and one from archery to take their tally to 14 gold, seven silver and 11 bronze.

Aided by the individual brilliance of their captain Kiran Pisda, Chhattisgarh's women's football team continued their solid run, defeating Jharkhand 1-0 in the final on their way to securing a gold medal.

The hosts also added the men's 4x400m relay silver and men's 1500m bronze to their overall tally on the penultimate day of track & field competitions in Jagdalpur.

Karnataka's Reethushree won the 200m on Thursday.

India colts hope for high-fives in Male

MALE, PTI: A familiar rivalry will take centre stage when four-time champions India face Bangladesh in the summit clash of the SAFF Men's U20 Championship at the National Stadium here on Friday.

With both sides having shared intense contests in recent times, including a 1-1 draw in the group stage, the final promises another gripping encounter where composure and belief could decide the title.

India head into the summit clash aiming to defend their crown and secure a fifth SAFF trophy at this level. The weight of history, therefore, will add to the intensity.

India coach Mahesh Gawli acknowledged the challenge posed by Bangladesh.

"It won't be easy. Bangladesh are an aggressive and talented side, and it will be tough for us," Gawli said. "Moreover, there will be a lot of support for them in the stadium. Our boys are used to that. We just have to perform on the ground. But we will focus on our goal and performance."

The final also brings back memories of last year's SAFF U19 Championship summit clash, where India defeated Bangladesh on penalties after a 1-1 draw in regulation time.

Bangladesh will be eager to reverse that result, adding another layer of anticipation to the contest.

The two teams also met earlier in the group stage, playing out a hard-fought draw on March 28. That result underlined how closely matched the two sides are.

Karnataka held by Arunachal

RAJGIR, PTI: Karnataka played out a 2-2 draw against Arunachal in a Pool B match of Division B in the 16th Sub-Junior Men's National Hockey Championship at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium here on Thursday.

Captain Adarsh Govind Mutagar (18th, 54th) found the back of the net for Karnataka, while captain Kumar Shashank (4th) and Ashwani Patel (45th) netted for Arunachal.

In the women's section, Karnataka sufferd a 6-1 loss to Uttarakhand in their Pool B, Division 'B' match.

While Kareena (10th, 12th, 17th) netted a hat-trick, captain Minakshi (7th), Devyani Joshi (53rd) and Diya (60th) contributed with one goal apiece for Uttarakhand. Preeti Neelaraddi (31st) was the only goal-scorer for Karnataka.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh, Mizoram and Delhi registered notable wins in the men's section on the second day of competition.

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"Best way to recover from my dismissal is to ignore it as you can't control it. The way we batted, we couldn't get a partnership for long. The plan was for (Nicholas) Pooran to take on the middle overs.

RISHABH PANT, LSG CAPTAIN

IN BRIEF

Netball mixed team end 2nd

▸ Karnataka's senior mixed team finished runners-p at the 2nd Senior Mixed National-Level Netball Championship in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, reports DHNS.

The state side, comprising six boys and six girls was led by Yashaswini and vice-captain Pavan, lost to Haryana in the title clash. Previously, Karnataka had defeated Telangana in the quarterfinals and Himachal Pradesh in the semifinals to reach the final.

Kavi steers Rajajinagar

▸ Kavi Arasan scored a treble as Rajajinagar trounced Yelahanka 6-1 in Group C match to of the 2nd Chief Minister Cup at the Bangalore Football Stadium to storm into the quarterfinals, reports DHNS.

Results: Group C: Rajaji Nagar: 6 (Kavi Arasan 23rd, 67th, 90+1, Surya Prakash B 44th, D Dhanush 90+3, Monish Kumar G 90+5) bt Yelahanka: 1 (Pradeep S 56th). **Group D:** Sarvagnanagara: 2 (Yogith N 42nd, 53rd) drew with KR Puram: 2 (Tejas SP 45+2, 87th).

Anand stars for Garuda HC

▸ Anand (12th, 24th) and Suresh Babu (25th, 34th) scored a brace each to power Garuda Hockey Club to a comfortable 6-1 win over Dharwad District Hockey Association in the KSHA 'B' Division Hockey League Championship on Wednesday, reports DHNS.

Results: Garuda HC: 6 (Anand 12th, 24th, Suresh Babu 25th, 34th, Lakshmanan Sri 37th, Sethupandi 41st) bt Dharwad District HA: 1 (Mithun B 3rd); Bangalore Friends HC: 3 (Suresh 5th, 11th, Rahul 8th, 36th, Ashin 18th, 40th) bt Naveen HC: 0.

'Foden's WC place unsure'

▸ England coach Thomas Tuchel has confirmed that Phil Foden is not a sure thing to make the World Cup squad, reports AP from London.

The Manchester City player started both of England's friendly games in the final camp before Tuchel selects his squad for this summer's tournament.

Sunrisers feast on wounded Knights

Klaasen, Nitish star in crushing 65-run win over Kolkata

KOLKATA, PTI

Heinrich Klaasen's experience-driven half-century guided Sunrisers Hyderabad back to winning ways as they thrashed Kolkata Knight Riders by 65 runs in their IPL clash here on Thursday.

Blessing Muzarabani grabbed 4/41 but it was Klaasen's composed 52 off 35 balls that held Sunrisers Hyderabad's innings together as they posted a competitive 226/8 after KKR opted to bowl.

Chasing the daunting target, KKR never found momentum as they were bundled out for 161 and slumped to their second successive defeat, having lost their opening match to Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede.

Boasting a batting-heavy lineup in Finn Allen, IPL's costliest overseas buy Cameron Green (Rs 25.20 crore), Rinku Singh and Sunil Narine, the target at the free-flowing Eden looked par.

It needed a partnership in the middle but there were clear signs of a lack of chemistry in the KKR line-up as they lasted just 16 overs.

That their mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy leaked 25 runs in one over and returned with 0/31 from two overs also hurt them. Narine (0/39) also returned wicketless from his four overs.

For SRH, left-arm pacer Jaydev Unadkat took 3/21 from three overs that included the wicket of Rahane, while Ehsan Malinga (2/14 in two overs) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (2/17 in two overs) were also effective.

KKR's veteran skipper Ajinkya Rahane's painful eight off 10 balls once again raised questions over the team's bold leadership call, while partnerships failed to materialise.

Youngster Angkrish Raghuvanshi showed promised with a breezy 52 (29 balls; 6x4, 2x6) but there was no support from the other end.

Fresh from his 100 not out in the T20 World Cup semifinal against South Africa a month ago on the same wicket, Kiwi opener Finn Allen showed early sparks in a seven-ball 28 (4x4, 2x6). But once he fell to Harsh Dubey giving a return catch, the innings unravelled quickly.

KKR's star recruit Green endured another failure, run out for two, following a chaotic mix-up with Raghuvanshi who played the shot. But Malinga stopped the ball with his foot and Green was off the crease.

Raghuvanshi started walking but review showed Green hasn't crossed so the Aussie had to depart.

The confusion did not end there. Raghuvanshi was involved in yet another mix-up and was run out, summing up KKR's plight.

Sunrisers Hyderabad's Nitish Kumar Reddy scored 39 and then picked up 2/17 to star in his side's win over Kolkata Knight Riders on Thursday. PTI

SCOREBOARD

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD: Travis Head c Green b Tyagi 46, Abhishek Sharma c Chakaravarthy b Muzarabani 48, Ishan Kishan c Rinku b Muzarabani 14, Heinrich Klaasen c Ramandeep b Muzarabani 52, Aniket Verma c Rinku b Anukul Roy 1, Nitish Kumar Reddy c Chakaravarthy b Arora 39, Salil Arora b Arora 0, Harsh Dubey (not out) 9, Shivang Kumar c Rahane b Muzarabani 4. Extras (LB-4, W-9) 13. **TOTAL (for 8 wkts, 20 overs) 226.**

Fall of wickets: 1-82, 2-111, 3-112, 4-118, 5-200, 6-200, 7-222, 8-226.

Bowling: Vaibhav Arora 4-0-47-2, Blessing Muzarabani 4-0-41-4, Sunil Narine 4-0-39-0, Varun Chakaravarthy 2-0-31-0, Kartik Tyagi 4-0-48-1, Anukul Roy 2-0-16-1.

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: Finn Allen c&b Dubey 28, Ajinkya Rahane c Malinga b Unadkat 8, Angkrish Raghuvanshi (run out) 52, Cameron Green (run out) 2, Rinku Singh c Unadkat b Nitish 35, Anukul Roy c&b Nitish 0, Ramandeep Singh c Unadkat b Malinga 10, Sunil Narine c Verma b Malinga 12, Kartik Tyagi c Kishan b Unadkat 5, Vaibhav Arora (not out) 1, Varun Chakravarthy b Unadkat 0. Extras (LB-1, W-7) 8. **TOTAL (all out, 16 overs) 161.**

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-67, 3-74, 4-120, 5-120, 6-139, 7-154, 8-159, 9-161.

Bowling: David Payne 2-0-35-0, Harsh Dubey 2-0-17-1, Abhishek Sharma 1-0-15-0, Jaydev Unadkat 3-0-21-3, Eshan Malinga 2-0-14-2, Shivang Kumar 4-0-41-0, Nitish Kumar Reddy 2-0-17-2.

Result: SRH won by 65 runs.

PoM: Nitish Kumar Reddy

Smarting Super Kings look to bounce back

Ruturaj's men take on potent Punjab Kings

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CHENNAI, PTI

Chennai Super Kings will need to improve significantly in all departments of the game to trouble a potent Punjab Kings in their first home game of the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

It was a uninspiring start for CSK in their opener against Rajasthan Royals.

CSK, now a team full of youngsters, did not get anything right in Guwahati and would simply like to leave that comprehensive defeat behind in a long tournament such as the IPL.

Considering how the Chennai surface played in the recent T20 World Cup, it should be a good batting wicket for the game on Friday.

While the injured MS Dhoni did not travel to Guwahati, he could be back in the dugout as a sounding board to captain Ruturaj Gaikwad while he nurses a calf strain.

Sanju Samson, their biggest signing for the season, did not last long on his CSK debut and would be looking to make a big impact in front of home fans.

CSK did not have the services of their key batter Dewald Brevis against Royals and there is still no clarity over his recovery from a side strain. Sarfaraz Khan was brought into the field as an impact player following the batting collapse. He did not last long but looked comfortable in the middle in his first IPL game since 2023 season.

More will be expected from youngsters like Kartik Sharma as the tournament progresses. On the bowling front, the likes of Matt Henry and Noor Ahmad were made to look ordinary by the sheer belligerence of Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

All eyes will be on Sanju Samson as Chennai Super Kings take on Punjab Kings on Friday at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. REUTERS

Batting at No. 4 gives confidence to the prodigious Rizvi

LUCKNOW, PTI

Young Delhi Capitals batter Sameer Rizvi grabbed the the opportunity to bat at number four with both hands and said his only focus now is to maintain the consistency going forward in the IPL.

Rizvi gave ample display of his talent, coming in as an 'Impact Player' to help Delhi Capitals get past Lucknow Super Giants by six wickets after a shaky start here on Wednesday.

Chasing 142, DC were reduced to 26 for 4 within first five overs but Rizvi (70 not out off 47 balls), coming in for T Natarajan, conjured an unbroken 119-run stand for the fifth wicket with the seasoned Tristan Stubbs (39 not out off 32 balls) to chase down the target in just 17.1 overs.

Rizvi showed exemplary maturity during his knock and hit five fours and four sixes on a tricky track.

"Coaches told me before that you will play at No.4 position and we will back you. You just play your natural, positive game," said the 22-year-old Uttar Pradesh cricketer.

"Whenever I play for UP or in UPT20 league, I bat at no.4 and if you get to bat at the same position in IPL it gives a lot of confidence. It is a big opportunity for me and they (coaches) are also giving me freedom to play my natural game. So I just make my mindset to grab these opportunities."

"I haven't played many innings in IPL but I will always try to be consistent. I will try to forget this innings and focus on the next match."

It was a second successive fifty plus score for Rizvi in the IPL, having closed out last season with a half-century.

Talking about the run chase and his partnership with Stubbs, Rizvi said they decided to bat according to the situation of the game.

"The intent from the start was to play positive cricket but once we were down four wickets we decided to slow down a bit and take our time, read the wicket because the chase was not that big.

"I have played 2-3 innings earlier with Stubbs. He keeps it very simple, plays according to situation."

Rizvi said having played a lot of cricket here in his home ground, it helped him a lot during his unbeaten knock.

"Any player playing in his hometown will have an idea about the boundaries, conditions, atmosphere and it helps a lot."

The right-hander said the wicket was not easy to bat against fast bowlers.

"The ball was swinging a lot so it was difficult to score runs against fast bowlers, so plan was to attack spinners and score big against them. If the ball is there we will hit.

"The wicket was a bit sticky, the ball was swinging and seaming, so it was a bit tough for batsmen to play fast bowlers. So it was necessary to take some time in the middle."

Delhi Capitals' 22-year-old batter Sameer Rizvi gave a good exhibition of his talent with a superb 70 not out against Lucknow Super Giants on Wednesday. PTI

Thushara seeks court intervention to play in IPL

COLOMBO, PTI: Sri Lankan fast bowler Nuwan Thushara **(in pic)** on Thursday sought a court order to secure his playing rights in the ongoing IPL after the country's cricket board refused to grant him a No Objection Certificate due to "failed fitness tests".

The 31-year-old, who is contracted to Royal Challengers Bengaluru, filed a case in the Colombo District Court, seeking an order directing Sri Lanka Cricket to issue the NOC. The case has been fixed for hearing on April 9.

According to local media reports, the player with 30 T20 international appearances for his country since 2022, has pleaded that his contract with the SLC ended on March 31 and he had no desire to seek an extension.

He said he had told the SLC about his wish to end his international career. Therefore, denial of NOC citing failed fitness tests should be set aside by the court. SLC had made fitness tests mandatory to be picked for the national team. However, Thushara said his fitness levels were never found wanting and he had been allowed to play at similar levels by the SLC previously.

POINTS TABLE

Team	P	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
RR	1	1	0	0	2	4.171
RCB	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2.907**
DC	1	1	0	0	2	1.397
MI	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0.687**
PBKS	1	1	0	0	2	0.509
SRH	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0.469**
GT	1	0	1	0	0	-0.509
LSG	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**-1.397**
KKR	2	0	2	0	0	-1.964
CSK	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**-4.171**

Van der Dussen announces Intl retirement

JOHANNESBURG, PTI: Left out of this year's centrally-contracted list, South Africa batter Rassie van der Dussen on Thursday announced his international retirement without specifying any reasons but said he will remain available for his domestic side Lions.

The 37-year-old from Johannesburg, who hasn't turned up in national colours since March last year, payed 18 Tests, 71 ODIs and 57 T20 Internationals after making his debut in 2018 as a 29-year-old.

"It is with a proud heart and a profound sense of gratitude that I announce my retirement from international cricket," van der Dussen said in a statement on 'X'.

"To wear the Proteas jersey is a feat that demands a level of resilience and dedication that both tests, and rewards you in the most incredible way. To have played for my country has been the greatest honour of my life.

"While my time in a Proteas shirt has come to an end, my journey is not over. I will continue to play for my beloved Lions, and I am committed to giving back to this beautiful game by teaching and mentoring the next generation of South African cricketers," he added in a lengthy post.

Van der Dussen made his debut in 2018 in a T20I against Zimbabwe before becoming an all-format player. He averaged over 50 for his 2,657 runs including six hundreds and 17 fifties in ODIs, the format in which he seemed most effective.

Rassie van der Dussen

Santner joins Mumbai Indians' squad

NEW DELHI, PTI: New Zealand T20I skipper Mitchell Santner on Thursday joined the Mumbai Indians squad here ahead of their Indian Premier League match against Delhi Capitals.

The five-time winners Mumbai Indians will take on the Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Santner and England all-rounder Will Jacks were the only two players left to join Mumbai Indians, who had convincingly won their season opener against Kolkata Knight Riders last Sunday in Mumbai.

The two overseas players, who had featured prominently for their respective teams in last month's T20 World Cup, had asked for an extended period before joining the MI squad.

MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene had confirmed giving these two players extended time off for personal reasons.

Just the beginning of Shami's road to redemption: Pujara

NEW DELHI, PTI: This is just the beginning of Mohammed Shami's **(in pic)** road to redemption, said former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara on Thursday, referring to the veteran seamer's miserly spell for Lucknow Super Giants in their IPL match against Delhi Capitals.

The out-of-favour India pacer was acquired by LSG for Rs 10 crore in a trade with Sunrisers Hyderabad during the pre-auction window. Shami marked his LSG debut by becoming the first bowler in IPL history to claim five first-ball wickets, dismissing K L Rahul in their 2026 season opener.

Speaking about Shami's effort against DC, Pujara told broadcaster Star Sports, "This season of the IPL is very important for Mohammed Shami and the way he started off the tournament with this performance against DC shows he means business. "Yes, his figures read 1 for 28, but it was Shami who played a crucial role in helping his side get off to a strong start in the powerplay. He first got rid of KL Rahul on the very first ball of the run chase and full credit to Shami."

Despite the six-wicket loss to Delhi Capitals, Shami's opening spell highlighted his form following a 67-wicket domestic season.

Is Pant an opening batter, questions KP

MUMBAI, PTI

Kevin Pietersen has questioned Lucknow Super Giants captain Rishabh Pant's credentials as a top-order batter, saying that featuring in the top three would be going "a little too far ahead" for the India wicketkeeper-batter.

Pant was run out at the non-striker's end for 7 (9 balls) when the ball brushed the bowler Mukesh Kumar's fingers and broke the wickets, as LSG were shot out for 141 in 18.4 overs in their IPL season-opener, against Delhi Capitals.

After LSG lost the contest by six wickets, Pant said he plans to bat in the top order this season, a move which Pietersen says will not let him enjoy his cricket as much. "I think it's a 50-50 call, but we'll see. But (you'll) definitely see me in the top order," he told the broadcaster.

Kevin Pietersen

Pietersen is not in favour of Pant opening the innings.

"When you look at the strength and depth of LSG's batting, is Rishabh Pant really an opening batter? I think he might have gone a little too far ahead of where he was in the line-up compared to last year," Pietersen told JioHotstar.

"Last year, he moved down the order, and now suddenly it's, 'I'm going to come up to the top'. I think he just needs to go out and enjoy his cricket."

The former England captain said Pant is only putting himself under further pressure by promoting himself up the order. "Don't force yourself into batting at (number) three, enjoy the luxury of that position. I think he puts himself under tremendous pressure by opening the batting," Pietersen said.

Pietersen, who mentored Delhi Capitals last year, said the franchise needs to invest in Sameer Rizvi after the Uttar Pradesh batter scored 70 not out off 47 balls (5 fours, 4 sixes) to turn the tables on LSG.

LSG had the Capitals reeling at 26 for four at one stage in a chase of 142 but Rizvi forged an unbeaten 119-run stand for the fourth wicket to take his side over the line.

"He played the situation beautifully, and I'm not surprised. I spent a lot of time with Sameer last season, watched him closely. He scored a hundred in a warm-up game but, unfortunately, couldn't find a place in the first half of the tournament," Pietersen said.

However, when he got his opportunity later in the season, he showed what he was about, and everybody looked up and said, "This kid is a proper player, and we probably need to invest in him for a period of time."

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LIVE on **Sony Sports Ten 5, SonyLIV.**

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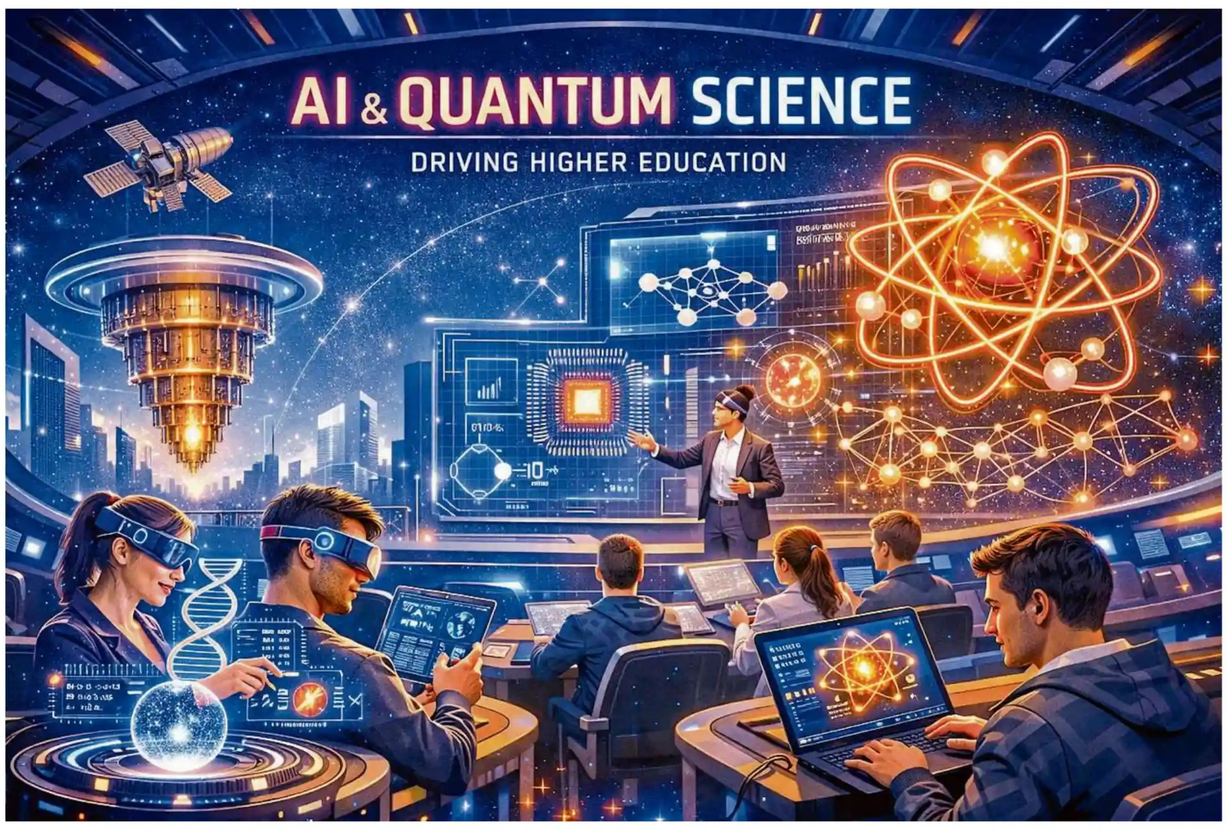
Even though AI has hit the entire world like a tsunami, not everyone seems to know what it is, and how it actually affects our lives and careers. On the one hand people are scared that they may lose their jobs due to AI, and on the other hand students are wondering what courses and careers to select which will ensure that they find gainful employment in the AI era.

Though it may sound very basic, let us understand what is Artificial Intelligence and Quantum mechanics, which is being discussed everywhere with widely different viewpoints. AI has evolved from computer science, but it has the ability to simulate human intelligence. It can learn without programming, do logical reasoning and solve problems without being guided by humans. This it does by accessing data from all over the world, classifying it and using its own logic to give what it thinks is the most appropriate answer. As it develops it will be able to perform more and more complex tasks taking major decisions in all fields.



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Developing along with AI is Quantum Mechanics which has gone beyond classical physics to break down physical systems to sub-atomic levels, which will enable sensing, overcome uncertainty and doing quantum computing.

In the last one year itself there has been a spurt in employers of various fields insisting on employing freshers who are skilled in the above two domains. Starting with engineering colleges, even those offering degrees in management, commerce, science, design and others have added AI as a subject. One cannot deny the fact that knowledge of AI is becoming essential in most professions, in the same way as knowing how to use computers had become necessary three decades ago.

Let us evaluate why AI is so important for everyone. Every time a new development evolved in technology or lifestyle progressive people learnt and imbibed it. Development went from mechanical to electrical to electronics to IT in the last 100 years. Some of the inventions did create a scare of job losses, but most people adapted by simple learning to incorporate the new methodologies and often found themselves earning more than before.

The reason why AI is creating a much bigger scare compared to earlier innovations is because AI is a self-developing and growing tool, which evolves independent of human knowledge and guidance. It picks up from every nook and corner of the world. If you have created a small gadget which makes your work easier and have shared it with a friend, AI has picked it up and has made it part of its knowledge without any acknowledgement or compensation to you. If people anywhere have tackled adversity, wars or natural calamities using their primitive instinct, now AI has made it part of its skill-set.

"Courses in AI will give you grounding, fluency, and foresight for what lies ahead. So, do keep updating yourself on all aspects of AI at a fundamental level."

Major technological developments that developed in the previous century took many years to settle down in their proper and stable format. Automobile started by being a horse-drawn carriage without the horse, and was used for entertainment till Model-T Ford converted it into a useful common-man's transport – and then evolved vans, buses, trucks and motorcycles. A century later when the mobile phone was invented, it was a big heavy instrument which could only be used for voice calls, and even incoming calls were charged per second. It took more than a decade for the mobile to evolve into what it is today. The same is likely to happen with AI. Newer changes and developments will keep coming, and much later we will know what can survive and stabilise.

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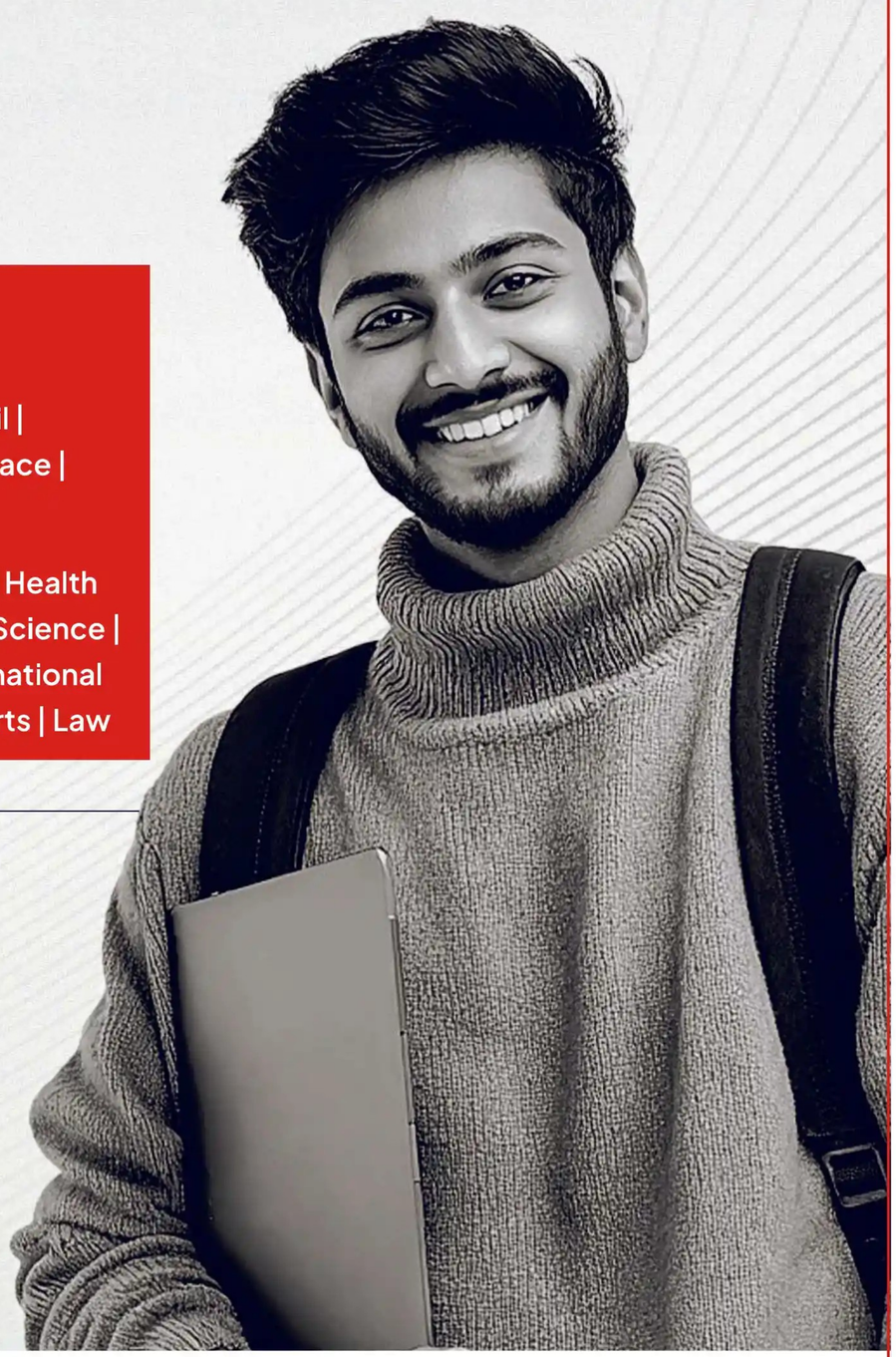

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When I studied in IIT-Bombay we had a huge Russian mainframe computer occupying an entire building, which could do perhaps 5% of what your smart-phone does now. Hence, it is wise to keep closely observing the developments, and not rush into something that may be outdated in no time. Courses in AI that are being offered now will give you an overview of the concept, make you literate in its functioning, and prepare you to absorb what will come in future. When computers were invented, many typists and stenographers lost their jobs. But the enterprising ones picked up new skills and actually increased their incomes!

At present global investments in AI and quantum education are racing ahead, and India is striving to keep pace and remain relevant. Many employers are demanding skills in AI and quantum mechanics along with domain expertise. But this may be short-lived as these very technologies transmogrify into new avatars. Students need to have a long-term vision of how these transformations can possibly evolve, and what will create strong foundations to make the transition smooth. Similarly, you can explore the industry of chips used for powering AI data centers. Nvidia, the leading chip manufacturer has emerged as the largest company in the world overtaking Google, Microsoft, Amazon and Meta, with market capitalization that touched $4.5 trillion.

You can use your common sense to determine which vocations are likely to be affected and which will actually gain in significance with the usage of AI. The jobs that will suffer most will be the ones that were at the top for the past two decades i.e. software and IT related – except for those who adapt, change and grow. Zoho co-founder Sridhar Vembu says programmers, including himself, must seriously consider alternative livelihoods.

On the other hand, blue-collar jobs which had limitations of income will obviously increase in demand. Those who can learn to use both sides of their brain and do multi-tasking will not only survive but progress faster. Whether educational institutions have the vision to provide long-lasting skills or not, it is up to you to identify your core strengths, evaluate how strong they will be in the AI era, and pursue your dreams steadily instead of looking at short-term gains and following the herd mentality. Do keep updating yourself on all aspects of AI at a fundamental level as they keep evolving, as only then you will be equipped to maneuver into this bright new world regardless of what career you wish to pursue. Every young person need not become an AI professional, but should be able to use the benefits of AI in the profession selected based on interest and aptitude.

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Digital Wealth Management

A pathway for job opportunities

With Artificial Intelligence (AI) rapidly spreading its wings across sectors, wealth management is not an exception, as the financial services sector is witnessing high AI adoption. A few years ago, wealth management was considered as more relationship-led advisory, but now it is moving towards data-led and wealth managers can now offer comprehensive and personalised advice to manage as well as grow one's assets. Digital wealth management is no longer about just a finance career; it is a more technology-driven financial architecture profession.

By Uma Kannan

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"Students who combine financial knowledge with technology fluency and regulatory awareness will find themselves uniquely positioned."

How does digital wealth management work?

The country's fintech sector is projected to cross $150 billion in market opportunity by 2025, and digital investment platforms are expanding beyond metro HNIs (High-Net-Worth Individuals) to mass affluent and retail investors through mobile-first distribution. AI-driven portfolio analytics, robo-advisory models, fractional investing and goal-based planning are becoming mainstream features rather than differentiators.

For students, this opens pathways at the intersection of finance, technology and regulation. Careers increasingly demand hybrid capability i.e. financial markets knowledge plus data literacy, platform understanding and compliance awareness. Degrees in finance, economics or business combined with certifications in financial modelling, fintech, data analytics or regulatory frameworks create a strong entry point, Shantanu Rooj, Founder and CEO, TeamLease Edtech said.

Traditionally, wealth management in India was relationship-centric and largely limited to HNWIs through private banking channels. Today, mobile-first platforms and discount broker ecosystems have democratised access. India now has over 150 million demat accounts, reflecting mass retail participation. Globally, robo-advisory assets under management are projected to exceed $2 trillion in the coming years, and AI-led portfolio optimisation, predictive risk assessment and automated compliance are reshaping advisory workflows. The role of wealth managers is evolving from transaction execution to behavioural coaching, complex financial structuring and AI-assisted advisory, Rooj added.

Shreya Krishnan, Managing Director of AnitaB.org India, said digital wealth management is being reshaped by hyper-personalisation, where AI and data analytics tailor investment strategies to individual goals and spending patterns.

They are seeing growing interest among women technologists in fintech careers.

For students, this opens interdisciplinary career paths blending finance with technology. Krishnan said that we need to look at careers in finance not as bank tellers but as orchestrators of the backend technology driving the fintech industry.

They recommend students to pursue certifications in financial modelling, data analytics, and AI fundamentals alongside traditional finance degrees. Internships at fintech startups provide crucial hands-on experience in designing solutions for real-world investors.

Krishnan said women should be open to careers in finance which they were otherwise told were not for their gender. "Through our Grace Hopper Celebration India, which draws thousands of women technologists annually, we're seeing increasing representation in fintech product development, showing that women are building the very platforms democratising wealth management for millions of Indians. When women design these systems, they actively counter the biases that once excluded them, ensuring financial tools serve everyone equitably," she added.

Sustainable and ESG-focused wealth management

Another interesting aspect in digital wealth management is sustainable and Environmental Social Governance (ESG) focused wealth management that is now becoming central to portfolio management. Capgemini in its recent research highlighted that high net-worth investors now want to not only preserve their wealth but ensure their investments have a positive impact and strong financial return.

Capgemini's World Wealth Report pointed out that 47% of HNWIs under 40 said sustainability influences their investment decisions.

For ESG impact, relationship managers need more data. Wealth managers can get more data insights with the help of AI, ML and advanced analytics. While automating wealth is now much talked about, robo-advisors help in providing financial planning and portfolio management with low cost and minimal human intervention. Skilled wealth advisors are always in demand and students should focus on acquiring skills that they can combine with automation to grow investors' assets.

Opportunities galore

Opportunities now span traditional and new-age formats. Rooj explained that private banking is integrating digital dashboards and AI-driven client analytics. Fintech advisory firms require product managers, risk analysts and digital portfolio specialists and regulatory technology is growing as compliance becomes more technology-enabled. Also, SEBI's increasing focus on investor protection, suitability norms and algorithmic transparency means compliance and risk roles are expanding in banks/fintech firms.

Students with strong grounding in finance combined with exposure to AI tools, data interpretation and regulatory frameworks will be particularly competitive.

Opportunities are expanding significantly across private banking, fintech advisory and compliance. "Students who combine financial knowledge with technology fluency and regulatory awareness will find themselves uniquely positioned," Krishnan added.

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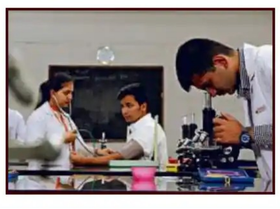

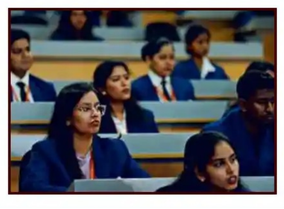

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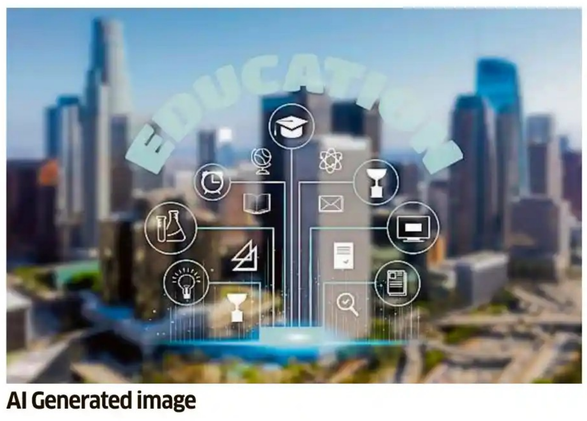
Recontextualising NEP in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The National CoE will work with top universities and industries to create specialised curriculums, train faculty and develop AI learning labs in the higher education sector.

By Prof V N Rajasekharan Pillai

Over the past five years, rapid advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI)—both globally and nationally—have dramatically reshaped human learning and the world of work. The scale of this transformation demands that the context for implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) be updated to reflect the emergence of AI. Such recontextualisation is not a rejection of NEP's vision but rather its evolutionary operationalisation, ensuring that its goals are realised through technology-driven approaches that prepare students to thrive in a world of artificially augmented intelligence. The recently announced national programmes, highlighted at the Global AI Impact Summit in Delhi, provide decisive evidence of this strategic shift.



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The Visionary Foundation for Technology

NEP 2020 anticipated the centrality of technology in education. It recommended that contemporary subjects such as AI be introduced where appropriate, and that digital tools be leveraged to enhance teaching, learning, and assessment. Crucially, NEP envisaged the use of AI and data analytics to create competency-based, personalised learning environments—bridging geographic inequities and addressing diverse learner needs.

This foundational vision now serves as the ideal launchpad for deeper AI integration. Platforms like DIKSHA, already reaching over 200 million students, are being equipped with AI-enabled features that personalise learning pathways and identify individual gaps, thereby transforming scale into precision.

India's Strategic Plan

NEP 2020 provides the conceptual framework for education, and its implementation is being advanced through a national strategy that combines flagship programmes, substantial budget allocations, and the development of indigenous technology. This multi-pronged approach is not merely administrative—it is the scaffolding for an actionable plan that positions India at the forefront of AI-enabled education.

By aligning NEP's visionary goals with the country's AI strategy, India is laying the groundwork for an education system that is adaptive, inclusive, and future-ready.

Financial Investment and Institutional Structure

In the past two Union Budgets, the Government of India has allocated several hundred crores to establish a National Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for education. This central hub, created by the Ministry of Education, will serve as the foundation for a network of decentralised, state-level CoEs.

The National CoE is envisioned as a collaborative platform, working with leading universities and industries to design specialised curricula, train faculty, and develop AI learning labs across higher education. Its role is not only infrastructural but catalytic—ensuring that AI integration in teaching and learning is both systematic and scalable.

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Recontextualising NEP in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

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Complementing this, the broader IndiaAI Mission fosters innovation through public–private partnerships. Flagship initiatives such as AI4Bharat at IIT Madras, which develops open-source AI models for Indian languages, exemplify how national funding is being channelled into projects that combine technological advancement with cultural inclusivity.

Reforming Curriculum & Developing Skills

Curriculum reform is central to India's AI readiness. The Skilling for AI Readiness programme, launched in July 2025 by the Ministry of Vocational and Skill Development, targets students in grades 6–12 along with their educators. Its modules emphasise both the fundamentals of machine learning and the ethical use of AI, cultivating a generation with baseline AI literacy.

At the higher education level, AI is reshaping professional fields:

- **Medicine:** AI-assisted diagnostics, precision medicine, and simulation-based training are equipping future doctors to be both technologically adept and patient-focused.
- **Engineering:** Degree programmes are embedding interdisciplinary approaches, data science, and intelligent systems design to prepare graduates for innovation-driven industries.
- **Agriculture:** AI applications in climate modelling, precision farming, and supply chain optimisation are enhancing sustainability and productivity.

Together, these transformations are producing a new cadre of industry-ready students—tech-savvy, research-oriented, and committed to addressing societal needs.

Acquisition of Infrastructure and Indigenous Tools

To democratise access, the government is supporting Composite Skill Labs at the school level, equipped with tools for AI, 3D printing, and other emerging technologies. Parallel efforts such as Bhashini and indigenous large language models (LLMs) like BharatGen and Sarvam-1 are breaking down linguistic barriers, enabling students to access AI-powered educational materials in their mother tongue.

This emphasis on indigenous tools ensures that India's AI ecosystem is not only globally competitive but also locally relevant, empowering learners across diverse linguistic and cultural contexts.

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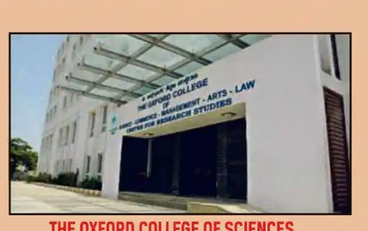
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Adaptive intelligence enters India's medical classrooms

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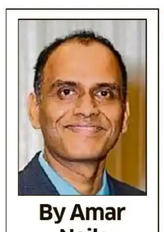

By Amar Naik

The lecture halls of India's premier medical institutions have reached a digital inflection point. While the traditional white coat remains a symbol of the profession, it is now increasingly paired with tablets running real-time diagnostic assistants and VR headsets that simulate surgical procedures in remote corners of the country.

As artificial intelligence graduates from Silicon Valley buzzword to a core pillar of clinical practice, medical education is undergoing its most significant transformation in a century — and India, with its staggering healthcare deficit, has more at stake. India has approximately 0.7 doctors per 1,000 people, against the World Health Organisation's recommended minimum of 1 per 1,000 — yet it bears roughly 20 per cent of the world's disease burden. AI is not replacing doctors. It is enabling those who reach patients they never otherwise could.

According to Dr V K Paul, Member (Health) of NITI Aayog, AI is no longer just an "add-on" but a strategic necessity for reaching universal health coverage in India.

Medical studies now formally encompass Clinical Validation of AI, where students are trained to identify "algorithmic bias" — ensuring that a diagnostic model built on Western patient datasets is actually accurate for India's genetically and demographically diverse population.

From rote learning to "All-inclusive intelligence"

For decades, success in India's medical entrance examinations was synonymous with an extraordinary capacity for memorisation. In 2026, the calculus has shifted. The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) has formally launched specialised programmes that ensure postgraduate trainees not only use AI tools, but critically evaluate them — a move that reflects a seismic pedagogical realignment.

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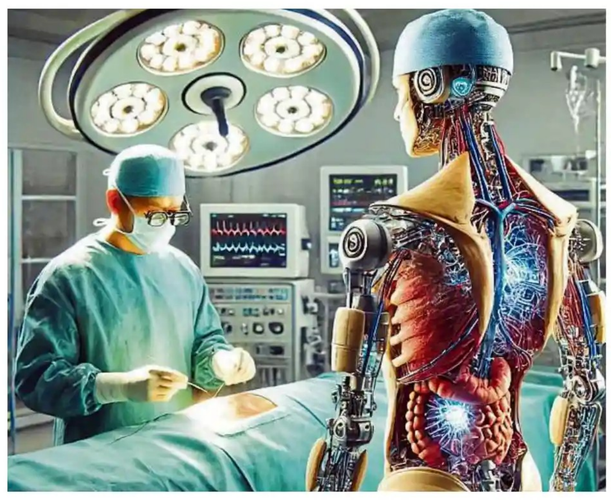
Separately, an area called Ayurgenomics is emerging as uniquely Indian: the use of AI to catalogue indigenous Ayurvedic texts, map their pharmacological relevance against genomics, and explore intersections with modern therapeutics.

Students are also being taught Medical Data Stewardship, learning to manage interoperable standards such as FHIR and HL7 — the plumbing that makes the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission's 799 million digital health IDs actually functional.

A systematic review published in Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence (2025) surveyed the landscape starkly: while 86.95 per cent of Indian medical students reported knowing how to use AI tools, 53.6 per cent demonstrated limited knowledge of AI's clinical applications, and a startling 91.2 per cent had never undergone any formal AI training. The review identified a fundamental tension — students are already using large language models like ChatGPT for self-directed learning (60.32 per cent reported LLM chatbots as a primary learning tool), but they are doing so without the scaffolding of ethical or technical literacy.



The Adaptive Student: Three Tiers of AI Literacy

The Forward-Looking Medical Students should be focused on the following areas:

1. Metacognitive Learning: Students should embrace AI-driven adaptive platforms that map their individual knowledge gaps across subjects like Pathology and Pharmacology, dynamically adjusting the difficulty and focus of study material. The shift, as captured in a major pedagogical study, is from "learning through acquisition" (textbooks) to "learning through inquiry" (AI interaction) — but with critical human oversight baked in.
2. The "Verify, Then Trust" Mantra: Treating AI output as a second opinion rather than a final verdict is now a core professional competency. This is partly driven by sobering data: a 2026 Nature Medicine trial found that 6.5% of AI cardiology responses contained clinically significant hallucinations. Students are taught to cross-reference, challenge, and document their reasoning independently of the model's output.
3. Human-Centric Focus: As AI automates administrative and documentation tasks — clinical notes, appointment scheduling, lab result summaries — students are deliberately redirecting freed-up time toward bedside manner, complex clinical reasoning, and empathetic patient communication. The goal is not efficiency for its own sake, but a reallocation of human attention toward what machines cannot replicate.

The Curriculum Gap

Structural problem persists. A study published in the Journal of Education and Health Promotion (2025), drawing on medical student surveys across India, found that most institutions lack mandates from regulators to formally incorporate AI into undergraduate programmes.

This means that the majority of AI learning happening today is unsupervised — students navigating these tools independently, without ethical frameworks or validation training. The ethical dimension is particularly urgent.

Guidelines from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR, 2023) already call for embedding AI ethics into medical curricula — including training to recognise algorithmic bias, maintain explainability in clinical use, and understand patient data rights under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

A student survey at Tufts Medical School (2025) found that students globally are not only aware of AI's potential but actively interested in ethical frameworks — requesting forums and coursework on AI's implications for patient privacy and clinical decision-making. For aspiring students, 53.5 per cent of surveyed Indian medical students expressed desire for interdisciplinary teamwork between medical and computer science or data science students — a signal that the next generation instinctively understands that AI fluency requires collaboration across disciplines, not siloed expertise.

The self-diagnosis risk

As consumer AI tools normalise self-diagnosis, doctors and educators are sounding alarms. Dr. Shrishendu Mukherjee of the Wadhwani Foundation has warned that misuse — such as taking antibiotics for viral fever based on AI recommendations — directly exacerbates antimicrobial resistance (AMR). India already records approximately 2.67 lakh direct deaths annually from AMR. Teaching the limits of AI is as important as teaching its uses

A Frontiers AI study found that 70.5% of students identified AI algorithms for medical image analysis as a priority curriculum area, followed by AI in healthcare (62.2%) and machine learning fundamentals (59.4%). 52.5% want collaborative learning with computer science peers — a call for structural curriculum reform.

What industry demands

The Indian healthcare industry is evolving faster than ever. A 2025 report revealed that 40 per cent of Indian clinicians already use AI in their daily clinical work — a three-fold increase over the preceding year. This pace of adoption has created a significant and urgent demand for graduates who combine clinical credibility with technological competence. Institutions that continue producing graduates without AI literacy are, as one commentator put it, "preparing their students for a world that no longer exists."

This rapid adoption has created a massive demand for a new type of professional.

The modern Indian medical student needs to move away from being a "passive recipient of knowledge" to becoming a "steward of technology." At the AI Impact Summit 2026, Union Minister Anupriya Patel emphasized that "AI will reduce the burden of doctors, not replace them."

Make AI work for India

The direction of travel is irreversible. India's AI diagnostics market is projected to triple in size by 2030, according to a March 2026 analysis by ResearchAndMarkets, and the government's Strategy for AI in Healthcare for India (SAHI), unveiled in March 2026, has provided the first national ethical and operational framework for this integration.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to drive transformative change in public health services across India. The Ministry of Health has designated AIIMS Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh and AIIMS Rishikesh as 'Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Artificial Intelligence' with an aim to promote development and use of AI-based solutions in Health.

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Adaptive intelligence enters India's medical classrooms

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The Ministry has collaborated with key organisations such as the Central Tuberculosis Division, National Centre for Disease Control, CDAC-Mohali, ICMR, MeitY, Ministry of Higher Education, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and National Health Systems Resource Centre for a variety of AI projects. The Ministry has also collaborated with Wadhwani AI to provide technical support to the three COEs. The Ministry has developed AI solutions, including the Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS) in e-Sanjeevani, a Diabetic Retinopathy (DR identification solution), and the Abnormal Chest X-ray Classifier Model, among others

With AIIMS Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and AIIMS Rishikesh now designated as Centres of Excellence for AI development, the institutional scaffolding is being erected. For the generation of students now entering medical colleges, the challenge is not whether to engage with AI — that decision has been made for them by the pace of clinical adoption.

The challenge is to engage with it wisely: to develop the critical appraisal skills to challenge algorithmic outputs, the ethical literacy to protect patient rights, and the human empathy that no model can replicate. As the Philips Future Health Index noted, 92 per cent of global healthcare leaders believe automation is critical to addressing staff shortages. But that automation will only deliver its promise if the humans working alongside it are trained to demand accountability from it.

The medical students of today carry a stethoscope and a smartphone. Tomorrow, they will carry the weight of a healthcare system that cannot function without them — or without the AI they have learnt to lead.

What students should do now

- Seek formal AI coursework — electives, workshops, or online certifications in healthcare AI fundamentals and data ethics.
- Cross-discipline — collaborate with engineering and data science peers; the future is interdisciplinary by design.
- Practice critical appraisal — for every AI tool encountered, ask: who trained this model? On what population? What are its failure modes?
- Follow ICMR and NBEMS guidelines — stay current with India's evolving regulatory framework for AI in medicine.
- Protect the human core — bedside manner, empathy, and complex clinical reasoning are your irreplaceable advantages.

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Pure Sciences: Integrate integrity with intelligence

By S Radha Prathi

The pursuit of excellence has been the driving force of mankind. The enthusiasts of the Sciences have experimented inexorably to seek and understand the nuances of life on earth and human life itself.

Over a period of time the sciences diversified into various categories to facilitate research and study. Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology were identified as the Pure Sciences. Soon, they became the cornerstone of all scientific studies. The fact that four out of six Nobel Laureate awards have been assigned to these haloed streams speaks in volumes about the impact of these subjects on the all-round progress of life on earth.

It is certainly no wonder that young minds from all over the world are introduced to these subjects in increasing scales of difficulty right through their formative years. Learners are familiarised with the basic aspects of pure sciences, their application and scope. This basic foundation gives the young pupils opportunities to delve deeper into the area of their interest when they pursue higher education.

Young minds must stay grounded and master the essence of pure sciences intelligently and integrate it with integrity to harness the potential of AI and DS to introspect, innovate and scout unknown horizons

Different dimensions of sciences have been conceptualised, structured and shaped as courses to cater to the needs of the industry. As a result, the world has been populated with a whole range of professionals like doctors, engineers, scientists, architects, psychologists, astronomers, mathematicians, technicians among others who help the world to run on well-oiled wheels.

What began as a journey of pure sciences, soon diversified itself into a plethora of application-based learning. Students of each generation who chose to study the sciences for various reasons found themselves discovering various shades in the widening spectrum of scientific studies. Research based upgradations and changes have been made from time to time.

Today, Artificial Intelligence- AI and Data Sciences(DS) have aced the race of scientific progress. Now, scientists can avail the help of this novel aspect when dealing with time consuming activities like data collection, calculations, logistics, documentations et al.

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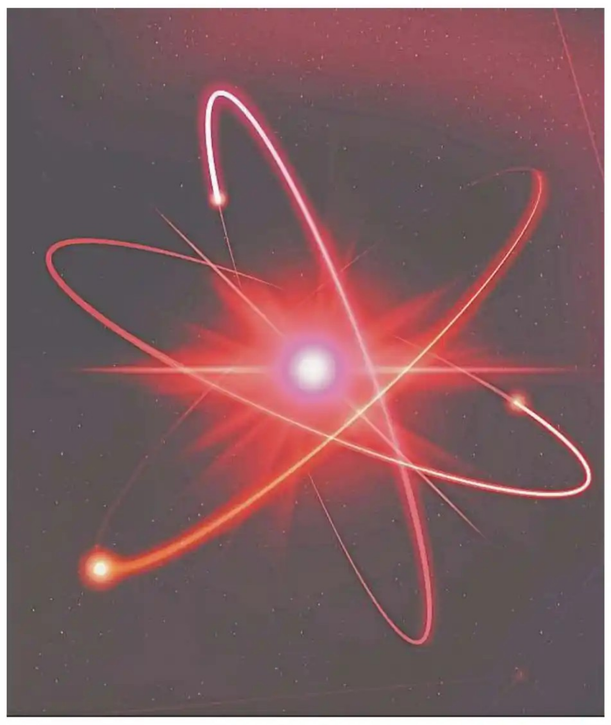

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AI has conveniently circumvented the man hours invested in data analysis, structural prediction, simulation, material sciences and even the need for elaborate laboratories by speeding up experimentation. Experiments, experiential learning, augmentation of information, prediction of possibilities and such other dimensions of research have accelerated beyond imagination. Machines and robots have been programmed to take care of specific tasks to help people from all walks of life to save their time and energy.

This magical development is but the result of years of collective methodical research of brilliant minds towards creating a more comfortable and convenient world, leaving man to scout for fresher degrees of knowledge and more possibilities for making life easier and exciting.

However, this scenario cannot be considered as a happy ending of a science fiction or a fairy tale. Actually, science has reached a point where we have to be collectively careful from becoming complacent users of technology lest we are enslaved by our very creation. It is important to battle the lurking challenges which can corrode creativity, erode ethics, eat away our efficiency and decimate our empathy to the point of becoming null and void.

For doing so, young minds must stay grounded and master the essence of pure sciences intelligently and integrate it with integrity to harness the potential of AI and DS to introspect, innovate and scout unknown horizons with scientific spirit to make the world a safe and healthy place to live in.

Chanakya in his Chanakya Neethi has encapsulated the essence of AI and DS in this verse.

"Pustakstha tu ya vidya para hasta gatam dhanam. Karyakale samutpanne na sa vidya na tad dhanam.".

Meaning: The knowledge in the book and money in another person's hand can be of no use to you when you need them.

Interpretation: So also, AI and DS will lose its purpose and can even become detrimental to humanity if it is used irrationally without the understanding of the pure sciences.

When you delve deeper into the study of sciences, it is impossible to miss its metaphysical and spiritual nature which endeavours to find answers to the unravelled mysteries of life on earth.

- The Taitareeya Upanishad says Satyam Jnanam Anantam - Infinite nature of True knowledge.
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Careers in Defence and Space Technologies

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Defence and warfare has moved from the battlegrounds to space and technology – electronic intelligence gathering, satellite surveillance, drone attacks, surface-to-air missiles, supersonic jet fighters, and air-dropping of commandos. Space travel is also increasing at a rapid pace, and even private players are gearing up to send manned spaceships beyond the earth's gravity.

Hence the development of technology in these sectors has gained significance, and many countries are competing to be in the forefront. India too has been making major strides and is likely to emerge as a leader in the coming years.

To understand careers in these fields, let us delve into the history and development of the sector:

Initially India was dependent on technologically advanced countries to supply armaments, ammunition, aircraft, radars, missiles and other high-tech equipment. Similarly, we did not have a space programme of our own, and our first Cosmonaut Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma flew in a Russian spacecraft in 1984. Aircraft industries like Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) went through a long journey of development before they could successfully manufacture airplanes and helicopters. A few reputed institutions earlier offered courses in Aeronautical Engineering, but none in Aerospace Engineering.

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Similarly, our Ordinance factories developed and started manufacturing various forms of weapons and ammunition, and Defence Production evolved as a separate Ministry in the Government. Subsequently many reputed foreign companies have set up R&D and manufacturing units in India, which are doing very well.

If you have a technical bent of mind, are physically fit, and are adventurous with a strong patriotic inclination to serve the nation, there are various options to serve fruitfully while earning a decent salary. Bright Indian students now have many opportunities in both military and civilian sectors, though entry is highly competitive. Let us take the military service first, where you can be a Commissioned Officer starting as a Lieutenant or equivalent, and with opportunities to go up to level of Generals, or take voluntary retirement after 20 years of service.

Those who have studied up to 12th with Math, Physics and Chemistry can aspire to get into National Defence Academy (NDA) and then opt for technical streams, particularly in the Indian Air Force or Indian Navy. The Indian Naval Academy also takes cadets through JEE (Advanced). Most of the other admissions are through various exams conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (upsc.gov.in).

Similarly, those who have studied engineering in various branches are eligible to join the three branches of Military through Combined Defence Services Exam (CDSE) and other exams conducted by UPSC, after which they are trained for a year and appointed as commissioned officers. In either case they can work till the age of superannuation, which has recently been enhanced to late-fifties. Those who take early retirement get very lucrative jobs in the civil sector since they have been involved in state-of-the-art technology, opportunities for higher studies, and even foreign missions.

Boys and girls who have studied up to 12th standard with Math, Physics and Chemistry, and cannot or do not want to pursue higher academics can join the Armed Forces as 'Agniveer', non-commissioned four-year employment, after which they are discharged with a handsome lump-sum payment. While in service they can pursue IGNOU's 3-year skill-based Bachelor's Degree specifically for Agniveers. 25% of those who complete 4 years successfully are given permanent employment, and can aim for higher ranks also.

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One need not necessarily be in the armed forces to serve the nation through technology. Many universities, including the IITs, offer courses in Aeronautical as well as Aerospace Engineering. Go through their syllabus and be clear about the difference between the two, and which field would be more interesting for you.

IISST, Indian Institute of Space Science and Research (iist.ac.in), sponsored by ISRO, offers B.Tech. in Aerospace as well as in ECE Avionics. Admission is through JEE (Advanced). Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) Bangalore offers good post-graduate programs. IISc and IISERs too are very good gateways for students wanting to make a career in space related fields (iiseradmission.in).

Many MNCs who have set up centers in India absorb technologists from various fields both in research and product development of aerospace. Many Indian companies have also made their mark, including Tata Advanced Systems, Mahindra Aerospace, Taneja Aerospace, Samtel Avionics, BrahMos Aerospace. Employment is also available in HAL, NAL (National Aerospace Laboratory), ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization), BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited), DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organization), Bharat Dynamics, to name a few. Job openings are generally announced in the Department of Defence Production (ddpmod.gov.in)

In the Aeronautical sector, India has been consistently expanding airports and air services even in smaller cities and remote areas. Many professionals are required including aircraft maintenance engineers, air traffic controllers, fuel experts, Propulsion Engineer, Flight Test Engineer, and Quality Inspectors.

Those who are not science students but have a love for these sectors can find employment in aerospace, aeronautical and defence units which employ many non-technical personnel in areas such as administration, finance, logistics, training, transport and estate management – and they can work for the progress and development of the nation. Even the armed forces employ both uniformed and civilian officers who have qualified in these vocations.

As I mentioned above, entry is highly competitive, but if you do get selected you can look forward to a very rewarding and fulfilling career. ■

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Why Agriscience is the New Career Powerhouse

By Neetu Sarawgi

Agriculture has become one of the most interdisciplinary fields. It draws from biology, artificial intelligence, robotics, climate science, genetics and business. And for students willing to look beyond old stereotypes, that future is full of opportunities they may never have considered.

A few months ago, I walked into a classroom, looked at a group of high school students, and asked them a simple question:

"How many of you would ever consider studying agriculture?"

The silence that followed wasn't just quiet—it was almost clinical.

A few students smiled awkwardly. One boy finally said, "Ma'am, I'm aiming for the IITs. I want to build AI, not drive a tractor. Agriculture is for farmers, right?" Another student added, "We want something modern—data science, machine learning. The future is tech, not farms."

I didn't blame them. Their answers were honest. But those responses also revealed something deeper: we have failed to show young people what agriculture actually looks like today.

Most students still imagine a man standing in a field with a plough. What they do not realise is that some of the most advanced technologies in the world—drones, artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, and satellite imaging—are already transforming how food is grown.

The future of farming is no longer confined to soil and fields. It now lives in laboratories, data centres, startup offices, and research stations.

And for students willing to look beyond old stereotypes, that future is full of opportunities they may never have considered.

Feeding a Planet Under Pressure

According to the United Nations, the global population could reach nearly 10 billion by 2050. At the same time, climate change is disrupting the very systems that sustain agriculture. Temperatures are rising. Rainfall patterns are becoming unpredictable. Water resources are shrinking.

These are not problems that traditional farming methods alone can solve.

Agriscience is no longer simply about growing more food—it is about growing food smarter. It means using data to predict crop diseases, designing seeds that can survive drought, and developing technologies that reduce water usage while increasing productivity.

Agriculture has quietly become one of the most interdisciplinary fields in the modern world. It draws from biology, artificial intelligence, robotics, climate science, genetics and business.

India and the Next Agricultural Revolution

For India, the importance of agriscience is even greater. Despite rapid urbanisation and the growth of technology sectors, agriculture continues to sustain a large portion of the population and remains a crucial pillar of the economy. Yet the sector faces enormous challenges—declining soil health, falling groundwater levels, and the growing impact of climate change and shortage of trained graduates.

The encouraging news is that India has been investing in agricultural science for decades.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) leads a vast network of research institutes and agricultural universities across the country. Institutions such as Punjab Agricultural University, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Delhi have long been centres of innovation.

These were the institutions that powered the Green Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, transforming India from a food-deficient nation into one of the world's leading agricultural producers.

Today, these same institutions are preparing for the next agricultural revolution—one driven not only by improved seeds and fertilizers, but by technology, sustainability and scientific research.

India's Quiet Agri-Tech Boom

There is another story unfolding in India that many students rarely hear about.

Over the past decade, the country has built one of the world's most dynamic agri-tech startup ecosystems. More than a thousand startups are now working to modernise agriculture using technology.

Companies like Ninjacart, DeHaat, AgroStar and CropIn are building digital platforms that connect farmers directly with markets, improve supply chains, and provide real-time advisory services.

Some startups use satellite data and artificial intelligence to monitor crop health and predict yield. Others develop smart irrigation systems and soil sensors that help farmers conserve water and optimise inputs. Some platforms even deliver hyper-local weather forecasts tailored to specific villages.

These companies are not looking only for agriculture graduates. They need software developers, data scientists, engineers, economists and entrepreneurs.

For a student interested in innovation or building a startup, agriculture is quietly becoming one of the most exciting frontiers.

Careers That Didn't Exist a Generation Ago

Perhaps the most fascinating aspect of agriscience is the emergence of careers that simply did not exist a decade or two ago.

Precision agriculture specialists analyse large volumes of data collected from drones and satellite imagery to guide farmers on when to irrigate, fertilise or harvest.

Plant biotechnologists are developing crop varieties that can withstand drought, resist pests and adapt to changing climate conditions.

Agricultural drone operators now monitor thousands of acres of farmland using high-resolution aerial imaging.

Engineers are designing vertical farms inside urban buildings, where vegetables grow in controlled environments under LED lighting without soil or sunlight.

Researchers are also converting agricultural waste into biofuels, biodegradable plastics and sustainable materials, creating new industries from what was once discarded.

Agriculture is not becoming high-tech. It already is.

Young people who want their careers to have a tangible impact on the world, agriscience offers something rare: the chance to combine scientific innovation with real societal value.

Ironically, the biggest challenge facing agriscience today is not a lack of opportunity. It is a lack of awareness.

Many students still believe that success lies only in glass-walled corporate offices in Gurugram, Bengaluru or Mumbai. They see agriculture as something traditional and outdated.

What they do not see are the laboratories, research centres, drone technologies, data platforms and startups quietly reshaping the sector. This perception needs to change as the next generation of agricultural professionals will not only be farmers. They will be scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, coders and climate innovators.

The roots of agriculture will always remain in the soil. But its future belongs to the young minds willing to reimagine what is possible.

Agriculture once defined our past. Agriscience will define our future.

The writer is Education counselor ■

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Civil Services: The right career choice for you

By Harish P

Choosing a career in Indian Civil Services is not just about securing a prestigious position; it's about becoming a catalyst for change in society in the era of Artificial Intelligence. As an IAS, IPS, or IFS officer, you have the opportunity to influence policies, address pressing issues, and contribute to nation-building. This profession offers unparalleled job security, respect, and personal growth while empowering you to directly impact millions of lives. If you're driven by the idea of public service and making a difference, the Indian Civil Services might just be the perfect path for you.

Also, a career in Indian Civil Services comes with a wealth of benefits that make it highly desirable. Here are some of the key perks:

1. Prestige and Respect: Civil servants hold positions of high esteem in society, gaining immense respect for their contributions.
2. Job Security: Government jobs offer unmatched stability, ensuring a steady career path even in uncertain times.
3. Influence and Impact: As decision-makers and administrators, civil servants have the power to shape policies and directly address societal issues, making a tangible difference.
4. Diverse Opportunities: The services encompass roles like IAS, IPS, and IFS, each with unique responsibilities ranging from governance to law enforcement to diplomacy.
5. Attractive Salary and Perks: Along with a competitive salary, civil servants enjoy benefits such as official accommodation, healthcare, pension, and travel allowances.
6. Personal Growth: The job offers immense learning opportunities, leadership experiences, and exposure to various challenges that contribute to personal and professional development.
7. Nation-Building: It's a career that aligns with a sense of purpose—serving the country and its people.

What are All India Civil Services

1. Indian Administrative Service (IAS)
2. Indian Foreign Service
3. Indian Police Service (IPS)
4. Indian Forest Service (IFS)
5. Indian Accounts and Audit Services (IAAS)
6. Central Services

These services are considered the backbone of India's administrative machinery and are responsible for maintaining law and order, implementing government policies, India's foreign policy ensuring effective governance at both the Central and state levels and global levels.

Historical Background

The concept of All India Services dates back to the British Colonial era when the "Indian Civil Service (ICS)" was established to administer British India.

After independence, the need for a unified administrative framework led to the creation of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS) under the "All India Services Act, 1951".

The Indian Forest Service (IFS) was added later in 1966 to address the growing need for environmental conservation and forest management.

Key Features of All India Services

Unified Recruitment and Training: Recruitment to the All-India Services is conducted through the "Civil Services Examination (CSE)", organized by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Selected candidates undergo rigorous training at the "Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)" in Mussoorie (for IAS), "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA)" in Hyderabad (for IPS), and the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) in Dehradun (for IFS).

The Indian Civil Services are the backbone of the country's administrative framework. Comprising roles like IAS, IPS, and IFS, they ensure effective governance, public welfare, and policy implementation. Recruited through the challenging UPSC examination, civil servants uphold constitutional values and work in diverse fields such as law, education, and health, shaping India's progress and development.

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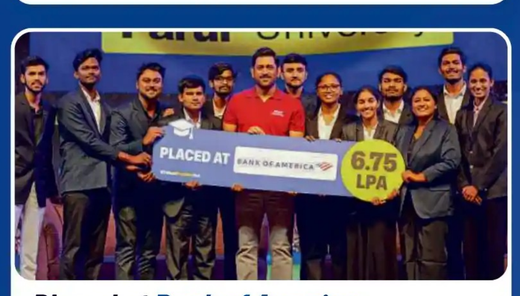

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Fashion Technology & Jewellery Designing are Game-Changers

Fashion and jewellery are no longer just about creativity and craftsmanship. With technology, sustainability and digital platforms reshaping the industry, modern courses in this field are equipping students with the skills needed to thrive in a fast-evolving global market.

AI IMAGE

By Anushka Sarkhel

Fashion and jewellery have always been powerful forms of self-expression. From clothing that reflects personality to jewellery that tells stories of culture and identity, these creative fields continue to evolve with changing lifestyles and consumer preferences. Today, however, the industry is going through a major transformation.

Technology, digital platforms, sustainability concerns and global connectivity are reshaping how fashion and jewellery are designed, produced and sold. As a result, specialised courses in fashion technology and jewellery designing are gaining growing importance for students who want to enter these creative industries with the right blend of artistic and technical skills.

A Rapidly Changing Industry

The fashion world has never been static. Trends shift constantly, influenced by culture, social movements, technology and global events. What makes the current phase particularly interesting is how rapidly technology is becoming part of the creative process.

Artificial intelligence, digital design tools and 3D visualisation are increasingly being used in the design and development of garments. Designers can now create digital prototypes, experiment with colours and textures virtually, and test designs before a single piece of fabric is cut. This not only speeds up the process but also reduces material waste.

Even in high-profile fashion events and celebrity wardrobes, technology-driven design concepts are becoming more visible. Large global celebrations and luxury events often showcase experimental couture, highlighting how innovation is slowly blending with traditional craftsmanship.

Fashion technology courses therefore, focus not only on design but also on tools such as computer-aided design (CAD), digital pattern making, garment construction and textile innovation. Students learn how creativity and technology can work together to produce designs that are both practical and forward-looking.

Jewellery design education has also expanded in a similar direction. While traditional skills like stone setting, metalwork and enamelling remain essential, many institutes now introduce students to 3D jewellery modelling, digital rendering and advanced manufacturing techniques. These tools allow designers to experiment with complex shapes and intricate patterns that would have been difficult to visualise earlier.

Sustainability Takes Centre Stage

Another major factor influencing fashion and jewellery education today is sustainability. Consumers are increasingly aware of how products are made and where materials come from. This awareness has pushed brands and designers to rethink their practices.

Many educational programmes now include modules that explore sustainable design approaches, responsible sourcing of materials and ethical production processes. Students are encouraged to work with eco-friendly fabrics, recycled metals and responsibly sourced gemstones.

The concept of slow fashion focusing on quality, longevity and thoughtful consumption has also become an important part of design discussions in classrooms and studios. For young designers entering the industry, understanding sustainability is no longer optional, it is becoming a fundamental design principle.

Designing Your Career in Fashion Tech

One of the biggest advantages of studying fashion technology or jewellery design is the variety of career options available. Graduates are not limited to becoming designers alone.

They can explore roles such as - Fashion designers, Jewellery designers and craftsmen, Pattern makers and garment technologists, Fashion stylists, Merchandisers and buyers, Trend forecasters, Fashion marketers and brand strategists.

With technology playing a larger role in the industry, there are also new opportunities emerging in areas like digital fashion design, virtual garment development and online fashion retail.

For many students, entrepreneurship is also an attractive path. Starting a small label, launching a handcrafted jewellery brand, or selling customised designs online has become more accessible than ever before.

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